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Henri Toivonen, of Finland, driving a Lancia Delta, won the Lombard RAC Rally for the second time. Tony Pond, of Britain, finished third.

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Detectives uncover evidence of large JMB fraud

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Evidence of a large fraud against Johnson Matthey Bankers uncovered by a team of City of London detectives investigating the bank's collapse has been passed to Sir Thomas Hetherington, the Director of Public Prosecutions, police disclosed yesterday.

The evidence dates back to 1981 when the bank first began to expand its commercial lending programme, and has prompted the DPP to appoint a specialist team of lawyers and accountants to advise the police in further inquiries.

The material collected by the City team is the first officially acknowledged evidence that the bank, which collapsed last year with debts of £248m, has been prey to fraud. In the last year campaigners led by Mr Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Hackney South, have claimed that JMB was subject to corruption and fraud by both lenders and staff.

A number of large debtors have been linked to the allegations but well-placed sources say the detectives involves a shipping deal. It does not involve individuals and companies named in existing fraud allegations, which largely cover the past couple of years.

The evidence does not involve either Mr Mahmoud Sipra, the head of the El Saeed group of companies, or Mr Abdul Shamji, of the Gomba group, who were major debtors to JMB and the centre of previous allegations.

The actual scale of the fraud police believe they have found is not clear and investigators suspect they may only have scratched the surface. A senior officer said yesterday: "There is not going to be a one-off fraud in 1981. It could ead us to many more items."

The investigation is being headed by Detective Chief Superintendent Gerry Squires, head of the City fraud squad. He is to be given extra manpower from the Scotland Yard fraud squad to intensify the investigation.

Announcing the discovery of the evidence yesterday the City Police refused to discuss the extent and nature of any fraud. In a brief statement the force said fraud squad officers had "discovered evidence of a fraud upon the bank in 1981.

The commissioner has referred the matter to the DPP for his advice and a fraud investigation group has been formed."

The evidence passed to the DPP is in the shape of documents which follow preliminary police reports drawn up since the City officers began investigations in July. The documents have been studied by DPP staff

The fact that an investigation group has been set up indicates that the fraud is both large and complicated. The system of fraud investigation groups, or "Figs", was started several years ago to improve the handling o major fraud inquiries.

The group is made up of DPP staff and accountants but can also call on the help of Department of Trade officials and counsel skilled in financial law. The group set up for the JMB inquiry will be headed by Mrs Dorian Williams, a principal assistant director in the DPP's office and head of the DPP's fraud section.

The police inquiry was announced by Mr Nigel Lawsoon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, because of "serious unexplained gaps" in the JMB records. He said there were documents missing which related to "substantial past transactions on certain accounts thhat are the subject of large losses".

When police began their investigations they were confronted with considerable confusion in JMB's paperwork. It has taken them some months to sift through the records.

The squad under Mr Squires has also raided a number of London addresses, including Mr Sipra's home in Regent's Park and offices in central London on November 13. Material was taken away from the addresses for examination.

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MPs raise alarm over lack of prosecutions

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

A Commons outcry against City fraud broke yesterday after the announcement of fraud evidence at Johnson Matthey Bankers.

Conservative MPs joined with Labour opponents during Treasury questions to demand action – and results – in an area of police investigation conspicuous by the lack of prosecutions.

Mr Brian Sedgemore, the Labour MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch who has led a Commons crusade for a full inquiry into JMB fraud allegations, pointed out that yesterday's police announcement contrasted with Commons statements by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in June and July that there was no prima facie evidence of fraud.

Labour MPs were particularly incensed that the fraud squad was not called in until July – 10 months after JMB was rescued by the Bank of England.

Mr Sedgemore said the City of London police reference toa crime committed in 1981 could only be "the tip of an iceberg". He added: "Many crimes have been committed by members of

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Prince Henry, aged thirteen months, takes his first tentative steps across the Day Room at Kensington Palace, while his brother Prince William, now aged 3½, offers a guiding hand.

Photograph: Tim Graham (from a series of new pictures in Alastair Burnet's book In Person: The Prince and Princess of Wales, published by ITN/Michael O'Mara Books, £7.95.)

Thatcher anger over UN defeat

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary reacted sharply yesterday to their defeat at the United Nations over the Falklands, which has soured relations between Britain and her European allies in the run-up to next week's summit of European heads of government.

In the Commons, Mrs Thatcher, not attempting to conceal her displeasure at the UN vote in which all Britain's EEC partners failed to support her in opposing an Argentine resolution calling for talks about the future of the Falklands, said that anyone who thought the motion was not about sovereignty of the islands must be "absolutely bonkers".

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, told MPs that because the United States and other countries had voted against Britain "that does not mean our position is wrong". The Government had tried consistently to seek better relations with Argentina while upholding its commitment to the people of the Falklands.

But the other political parties were swift to criticize the Government's stance over the Falklands and blamed it for bringing the 107-to-4 defeat upon itself by its attitude.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said at Westminster last night that the vote demonstrated dwindling support for the policy of the Government and its isolation in an area where it would need all the diplomatic alliances it could get.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said the vote resulted from a serious diplomatic failure by the Government which had left Britain looking increasingly obdurate in the conduct of foreign police.

And the all-party South Atlantic Council, which is chaired by the Conservative MP Mr Cyril Townsend, described it as an unnecessary crushing defeat. Britain should have voted for the resolution rather thhan against it.

"Sooner or later the British

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Kinnock warns rebels on meeting

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Liverpool's Labour rebels could be suspended from the party if they defy a national executive instruction and go ahead with district party meetings.

Mr Neil Kinnock gave a warning last night that any meetings of the Militant-dominated district party or its executive would be unconstitutional, and would "at the very least involve personal suspension".

Labour's national executive banned district party meetings on Wednesday pending an inquiry into allegations of malpractice, intimidation and corruption, in what was heralded by Mr Kinnock as a crackdown on Liverpool's Militant "maggots".

The Labour leader also hinted last night that if the party failed to muster proof enough to expel the party's most prominent Militants, there could be constitutional change to get rid of those who brough to party into disrepute.

He told journalists at Westminster: "Strangely, for a party that is so closely associated with the trade unions, all of whom have a clause in their constitution about bringing the union into disrepute, which generally carries very heavy penalties, the party has never included such a provision in its constitution".

Mr Kinnock then added: "I understand there are people who are considering that prospect". He said that would have to be examined.

Some leading party sources said yesterday that they would not be satisfied until the 15 Liverpool councillors who had signed a sales promotion leaflet for *Militant*, led by Mr Derek Hatton, deputy leader of the council, and Mr Tony Mulhearn, president of the district Labour party, were out of the party.

Mr Kinnock said last night that the leaflet "signifies that there is an organization called Militant".

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Ian Botham 'punched policeman'

Ian Botham, nearing Land's End after his marathon charity walk from John O'Groats, argued with a policeman and punched him three times, a police spokesman said yesterday.

But no action was being taken against the England and Somerset all-rounder, who is to complete his journey tomorrow, after raising £330,000 for the Leukaemia Research Fund.

The incident took place on Wednesday afternoon as snow and sleet hit Cornwall, the spokesman for the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary said. "Visibility was very poor. Botham's group of between 30 and 50 people were walking out of Bodmin and they were apparently running in front of traffic and trying to stop cars", he continued.

"At the time police were concerned for their safety and Traffic Inspector Brian Carder advised Botham and his entourage to take particular care.

"Tempers flared a little on Botham's side and then a little later, farther outside Bodmin, police again became concerned for their safety."

The spokesman said PC Fleming again advised Botham to be careful and was assaulted by him. "The policeman was punched three times – around the helmet and to the body. Police are taking no action over the incident.

"Obviously tempers were frayed and people were tired. Peter Fleming is a particular supporter of the leukaemia campaign and he is not going to take any action, although it could have been construed as assault on the police."

£100 wage offer to long-term jobless

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The Government has decided that wages of £100 a week need to be offered to persuade those out of work for more than a year to take the first tentative steps back into the labour market.

The long term unemployed account for about 40 per cent of the jobless figure, 1.4 million people. The Government's main programme for them is the Community Programme, being expanded to provide work for 12 months for 230,000 people.

Lord Young, of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, gave details yesterday of the new employment measures announced in the Chancellor's autumn tax statement two weeks ago aimed at creating a better environment for job seekers out of work for more than 12 months.

He said the government, in deciding to pay a £20 a week bonus in pilot schemes to those prepared to take a job at less than £80 per week, had fixed the figure as being reasonable. He conceded that people seeking full-time jobs paying £80 might be metter off on social security.

The Job Start scheme, one of three to be launched by the Department of Employment in January, will operate in nine areas of high unemployments. The exceptions are Crawley and Horsham, where unemployment is 5.3 per cent and Ealing, 7.4 per cent.

However, all the areas have a high proportion of long-term unemployed. In the nine areas 40,000 people have been out of work for more than a year.

Lord Young said: "There is a real risk that despite the continuing economic recovery some long-term unemployed people will remain out of work simply because they have lost touch with the job market. The aims are to bring long-term unemployed people back into the job market, assess their potential to brush up their working skills and give them a financial incentive to go back to work."

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£200m EEC boost

European investment of nearly £200 million in three British development schemes was announced yesterday, the first funding under new EEC rules for supporting deprived areas.

The EEC is to pay £66,733,000 towards the £433 million revival programme for the Mersey basin – the cost of the first three years' work in a 25-year plan being carried out by the North-West Water Authority.

Glasgow will receive £96 million towards the £244 million cost of reviving the city's economic prospects. The aim is to invest in new roads, public transport, industry, environmental and tourism projects.

Shildon in co Durham qualifies for £18.1 million towards a £36.1 million development plan drawn up after last year's withdrawal of British Rail, the area's largest employer.

British Gas to be sold next autumn

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

British Gas will be privatized next autumn, the Government announced officially yesterday.

The announcement of the sale is clouded by the fact that details surrounding the sale will not be revealed until the week before Christmas when the Bill, announced yesterday, is given its second reading.

The price that the City will be prepared to put on the corporation – the estimate has been raised from £8 billion to £10 billion – will depend on the details of the licence under which the privatized British Gas will operate.

The details of the licence will not be available until before the second reading. Details of how the corporation will be floated on the Stock Exchange will not be given until the spring.

Opposition to the privatization of British Gas has already been voiced by international oil companies who supply gas to British Gas from the North Sea and by trade unions in the industry.

The electricity industry is aware that it is the next target for privatization, and it will demand that, if it is to be privatized, it will not be on the same terms as British Gas.

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Single-vote challenge on pit pay

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Editor

National Union of Mineworkers' leaders yesterday decided by a single vote to risk a further rebuff from the National Coal Board over pay after dividing on how to respond to the board's demand for a clear commitment to productivity-based bargaining.

The executive decided by ten votes to nine in Sheffield against immediately bowing to the demands. Instead it agreed to make a fresh effort to secure details of the offer the board is proposing to make to the union's 130,000 members if such a commitment is given.

The division cut across normal political lines, with the Yorkshire and north Derbyshire areas in support of signing the commitment to begin immediate negotiations in the expectation of securing a package close to the 6 to 7 per cent deal already offered to the breakaway Nottinghamshire and south Derbyshire miners.

But areas rallying behind a proposal emanating from Scotland to seek fresh clarification from the Board included two traditionally moderate areas, Lancashie and north Wales, as well as the left-led Kent, Durham and South Wales coalfields.

Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM's president, said after the three and a half hour meeting, that the executive had felt the report of last month's pay negotiations "did not contain sufficient detail in order that they could understand what exactly the coal board were prepared to offer."

He added: "In these circumstances, they found it practically impossible to make a judgment on the matter and that is why we want to see the board."

Mr Scargill said that the pressure for further information from the board had come from the union's rank and file members during the three weeks of consultation conduc-

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Littlewoods invest £2m in football trophy

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The Football League received financial and verbal reassurances about its future yesterday. Littlewoods agreed to take over the National Dairy Council's sponsorship of the Milk Cup next season and the chairmen of the first and second division clubs confirmed that they are not seeking to reduce the League from its present size of 92 clubs.

The deal with Littelwoods, a company which is based in Liverpool and includes a pools firm with an annual turnover of £400 million is worth £2 million over the three seasons. The trophy, yet to be designed, will be known as the Littlewoods Challenge Cup and the winners will receive the biggest team prize in British sport.

Philip Carter, Everton's chairman and the spokesman for the first and second division clubs, who met in Birmingham, stated that the third and fourth division clubs would retain their League status even if a so-called super league was formed.

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Alcoholics' charity seeks right to refuse donations

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

Alcoholics Anonymous is introducing a Bill into Parliament so it can legally refuse to accept donations, however small, from generous well-wishers.

The charity, whose members rely on will-power in their battle against the bottle, is seeking legal power to decline cash gifts because it believes they endanger its guiding principle of self-help.

The unprecedented move comes after two recent legacies of about £10,000 each which AA has had to accept reluctantly. Because of its charitable status AA not only faces legal difficulties in refusing such gifts, but also in giving them away.

The private Bill introduced into the Commons, which is likely to be unopposed ad becames law by next summer, says that traditionally every group of members of AA "ought to be fully self-supporting and declining outside contributions".

"Alcoholics Anonymous from time to time receive legacies or gifts of such magnitude as would, if accepted in whole, endanger the principle of self-help upon which Alcoholics Anonymous operates", it says.

The charity wants, where it thinks fit, to disclaim "all or part" of any legacy, gift, or bequest. Instead, money left to AA would go to the Alcohol Education and Research Council.

A spokesman for AA, which has 2,070 self-help groups and is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year, last night urged would-be donors not to give them cash, however small the amount.

"Please don't give us any money because money would destroy what we are out to achieve. It would divert us from our primary purpose which is to help alcoholics achieve sobriety."

"We are very grateful for all offers received. They are certainly not turned down with arrogance. Other charities may need the money; we don't," he said.

"We recover from an illness, to which we have found an answer which has been proved over the years. Other people's money would hinder us. It would give us another problem of how to spend it."

While there have been isolated cases of self-help groups with extra cash finding it difficult to resist the temptation of reverting to alcoholic refreshment, that appears not to be reason for the Bill.

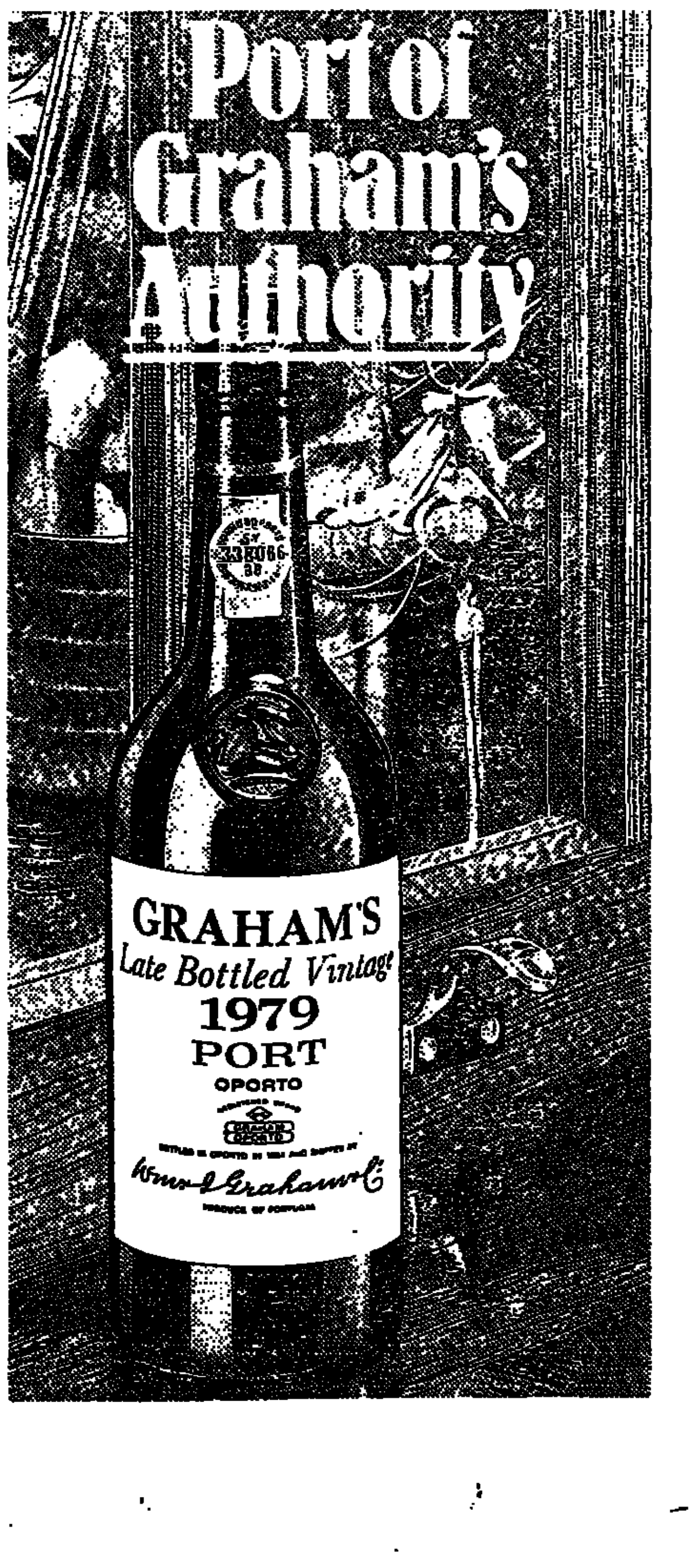
"The only commodity we have to offer another alcoholc is our experience. Experience is our teacher, and experience has proved that money would destroy us," the AA spokesman said.

Even the estimated 30,000 members of AA, whose personal contributions pay for the running costs of local groups and the national organization, are limited to contributing £1,000 a year to the cause.

The Alcoholics Anonymous (Dispositions) Bill drew a mixed reaction from MPs at Westminster last night. Sir Bernard Braine, Conservative MP for Castle Point and a campaigner against alcohol abuse, said it was "wholly admirable".

But Mr Nicholas Winterton, Conservative MP for Macclesfield, and a leading supporter of the real ale campaign, said: "This Bill is almost designed to drive you to drink. It makes AA a laughing stock.

"It is quite extraordinary that an organization devoted to alleviating and remedying the evils of excess alcohol should spend so much time and money on promoting a Bill which enables them to refuse legacies and gifts, which any normal, sober layman would think would help them to undertake more good work."



Miner stopped by pickets fails to win claim for unemployment benefit

Mr Leslie Cartlidge, who did his best to get to work during the miners strike but was stopped by violent picketing, was not entitled to unemployment benefit, the Court of Appeal held yesterday.

In a case said to affect thousands of other miners reluctantly involved in the strike, three appeal judges unanimously rejected Mr Cartlidge's appeal from a decision of Social Security Commissioners. But he had the sympathy of the judges, who said they reached their conclusion "with regret". He was granted leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

Mr Cartlidge, of Heathcote Road, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, had appealed against the rejection of his claim for unemployment benefit, from March 23 to November 21, 1984, when stoppage at the Florence colliery ended.

The commissioners held that although he was a person "who has lost his employment as an *employed eaner* by reason of a stoppage of work which was due to a trade dispute at his place of employment", he had not been able to satisfy them that he was not "directly interested in the trade dispute which caused stoppage". Accordingly, he did not qualify for benefit.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson said the commissioners found that Mr Cartlidge did not take part in the trade dispute, was personally against strike action and when he was able to get to work he worked. A pit ballot on March 16 had rejected strike action by 72 to 27 per cent.

However, Lord Justice Gibson said, if the commissioners' finding that the stoppage was because a trade dispute about wages and pit closures was unassailable, then the conclusion that Mr Cartlidge had failed to prove that he was not "directly interested in the trade dispute" could not be questioned.

● Left wing Labour MPs are to lay a Bill before Parliament in the new year calling on the National Coal Board to reinstate all miners dismissed during the year-long pit strike and an amnesty for those convicted by the courts.

The Bill has been drawn up by the Campaign Group of MPs including Mr Tony Benn and Mr Dennis Skinner

● In the wake of the miners' strike the electricity supply industry yesterday indicated that it is planning an increase of up to 50 per cent in the amount of coal carried to power stations by road.

Meanwhile the Electricity Council is understood to be planning legal action against its unions if there is a 24-hour strike issue of union membership at General Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham. Union leaders, including Mr Eric Hammond right-wing general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic and Telecommunication Union, have undertaken to ballot their members on the action if any Civil Servant is dismissed from the top secret government communications centre for being a union member.

● The House of Lords is to consider the case of the two striking miners who killed Mr David Wilkie, a taxidriver. Two days have been set aside, on December 11 and 12 for the Law Lords to hear the prosecution appeal against the quashing of murder convictions, with life imprisonment, against the two men by the Court of Appeal substituted manslaughter convictions and eight-year jail sentences against Reginald Dean Hancock, aged 22, of Rhymney Bridge, Rhymney, Mid Glamorgan, and Russell Shankland, aged 21, of Manest Street, Rhymney.

When giving leave for the prosecution appeal last week, the Law Lords sad they would hear the case as soon as possible because of the "anguish" it had caused. It is unlikely that they will be able to give a decision until after the new law term begins next January 11.

Consumers win bigger say from gas Bill

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The new privatized gas industry has been told to respond to emergency calls within 12 hours. The present state-owned gas corporation must answer emergency calls within 24 hours.

The privatization Bill, which will move British Gas to the private sector, is little less than a triumph for the National Gas Consumers' Council. It had argued that consumers should be protected when the industry is privatized.

Under the proposed regulation the council's suggestion would be followed.

In addition, the Bill would create a director general of gas supply, who will ensure that regulations will be obeyed.

The present regulations under which British Gas operates, the right to apply for compulsory purchase orders and right of access to private property will all be maintained.

The Home Office has raised doubts about the right of employees of a private company, such as the new British Gas, entering private premises, but it has been recognized by the Cabinet that reports of gas leaks have to be investigated.

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday: "The Government has been determined to see that for the employee and good for the nation.

"No longer will British Gas and its consumers suffer from restrictions in its freedom to act as an efficient commercial business.

"The interference by politicians and by Whitehall will be ended and the management of British Gas will be free to apply all its talents and abilities to improving its competitiveness in the nation's energy markets."

The Gas Consumer Council strengthens the consumer voice, Mr Walker said, "There will be no possibility of overcharging.

On the issue of safety, Mr Walker said last night: "We have taken advantage of this legislation to impose upon British Gas an improvement upon the requirement which already exist".

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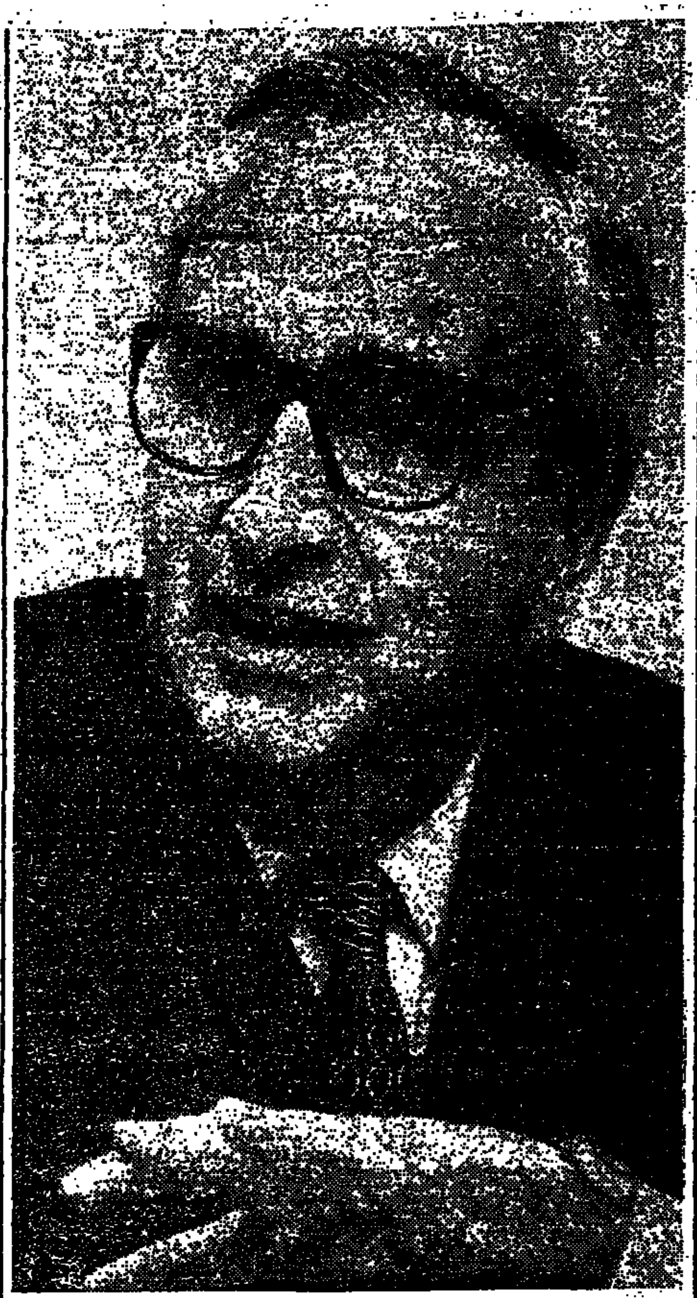

Lord Young of Graffham announcing the new job-start *scheme to be tested in nine areas.* (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

£100 wage offered to long-term jobless

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Under the six-month pilot Job Start schemes the £20 a week would be paid directly to the individual. Although it would be taxable, it would not count for family income supplement or housing benefits and because it is paid directly iw would also be free of national insurance contributions.

Areas chosen for the experiment are: Billingham (unemployment rate 20.4 per cent); Preston (12 per cent); Stoke-on-Trent (12.8 per cent); Huddersfield (14.4 per cent); Ealing (7.4 per cent); Plymouth (15.2 percent); Crawley and Horsham (5.3 per cent); Dundee (17.4 per cent) and Port Talbot and Neath (16.1 per cent).

Alongside the Job Start pilot will be two other experiments which invlove the Jobcentres writing to all long-term unemployed people inviting them for interviews and for counselling on how to brush up their skills and prepare for job interviews.

The Job Club pilot schemes, which have been running in 30 towns, are also to be expanded to at least 200 by the end of next year. The clubs provide an informal environment for the long-term unemployed to work together to try to find new jobs.

Jobless training scheme frozen

The Manpower Services Commission is to freeze a training scheme for the unemployed introduced this year because of a Treasury curb on spening.

In January, the Secretary of State for Employment, Mr Tom King, announced a plan to create 50,000 training place on the Community Programme, which provides temporary work for the long-term unemployed, to meet criticisms that it did nothing to improve their job prospects. Several thousand places only have been arranged.

An internal commission memorandum says that a million Treasury cut its proposed budget for next year, although it is being substantially increased, means that savings will have to be made in adult training, and halting the expansion of Community Programme training is "the least harmful cut that can be made".

The memorandum also envisages that other training schemes will be trimmed to switch resources to supporting small businesses and promoting enterprise.

This month, the Government announced that the Community Programme is to be expanded to 230,000 places at a total cost of £714 million a year.

Ford 'no' on pay

Leaders of Ford car workers yesterday rejected a new pay offer worth up to 15.7 per cent over two years, but union negotiators meeting in London were not against the principle of the changes being demanded by the company to achieve greater efficiency.

Hearings in Liverpool for inquiry team

From Peter Davenport
Liverpool

The Labour Party's inquiry team investigating the Militant-dominated district party in Liverpool will conduct two-days of hearings in the city next month.

It will interview leading members of the group and its executive committee and is appealing for written submissions from individuals about alleged irregularities in the operations of the local party.

The nine members of the team, headed by the party's general secretary, Mr Larry Whitty, will conduct private hearings in Liverpool on December 8 and 9.

The team expects to produce a report in time for the January meeting of the National Executive Committee. Any action against the local party and individuals could follow soon after. The first casualty of the decision to suspend the district Labour party was a meeting of the 30 members of its executive committee scheduled for last night.

The committee had intended to go ahead with its meeting, which prompted Mr Whitty to send personal letters to all the committee officers saying that it should not be held.

Later, Mr Terry Harrison, spokesman for the committee, said that the meeting would not go ahead although its members could still meet informally.

Regional party officers also moved yesterday to curtail the influence of the Militant Tendency. All constituency parties in Liverpool were instructed that all business normally conducted through the district party was to be channelled to regional offices in Manchester.

Among the most serious allegations against the district Labour party are that trade unions and socialist societies affiliated to the party have too many delegates and that some delegates are not properly qualified.

There are also claims of intimidation and harassment suffered by moderate concillors and Labour Party members opposed to Militant.

The controversial appointment of Mr Sam Bond, a black former building surveyor as the council's senior race relations adviser, is also likely to be investigated.

The inquiry will also look into links between Militant councillors and shop stewards on the town hall workforce who also support the Trotskyist organization. There are complaints that some employees who do not share militant views are swtiched to less well paid jobs.

Senior Labour councillors in the city have persistently denied all the allegations.

The members of the inquiry team, headed by Mr Whitty, will be: Mr Tom Sayer, the Nupe representative on the NEC, Mr Charlie Turnock, of the NUR Mrs Margaret Beckett, MP for Derby South, Mr Neville Hough, NEC chairman, Mr Eddie Haigh, of the TGWU, Miss Betty Boothroyd, MP for West Bromwich West, Miss Audrey Wise, and Mr Tom Clark, of the Union of Communications Workers.

£17m rescue for weather-beaten livestock farms

A £17 million emergency aid package for livestock farmers seriously affected by this year's bad weather was announced yesterday by Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture.

The money will go to about 26,000 farmers in Northern Ireland, 23,000 in Scotland, 10,000 in Wales, and 9,500 in England. The areas in England are Cumbria, Durham, Lancashire, Northumberland, north and west Yorkshire, and Tyne and Wear.

Mr Jopling told the Commons he hoped a significant portion of the payments would be made by Christmas. Although specified areas were not the only ones badly hit by the weather, "we believe that we have, in broad terms, selected for assistance those areas and enterprises where the situation is the most serious."

JMB fraud claim hits Bank hopes of sell-off

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

The Bank of England gave a muted reaction yesterday to the news that police had discovered evidence of fraud in Johnson Matthey Bankers.

Since its rescue of JMB last year the Bank has taken full responsibility for sorting out the problems relationg to JMB's disasterous loan book. It was the Bank which first called in the Fraud Squad last July, when investigations into JMB showed serious gaps in the documentation of past loans.

A Bank spokesman said: "We had no view as to whether or not there was fraud but the circumstances demanded a closer investigation, so we called in the police. The fraud relates to 1981, which was long before we became involved."

The news will not, however, help the Bank's plans to sell off JMB early next year. It is hoping to sell the banking and bullion operations as one unit to recover the £100 million it put into the ailing bank.

A report on JMB's loan book by auditors Price Waterhouse is expected to be completed in the next two or three weeks, but its function is not to detect fraud.

The following is a chronology of the JMB affair:

1968 – Johnson Matthey Bankers set up by parent Johnson & Matthey Company Ltd to engage in bullion dealing and banking operations.

1969-80 – JMB builds up client base concentrating on Pakistan, the Middle East and Nigeria. Mr Mahmoud Sipra, who became one of JMB's largest borrowers, becomes a customer.

1981 – JMB starts policy of rapid expansion through loans and overdrafts to commercial customers.

Betwen March 1980 and March 1984 JMB's loans and overdrafts rose from £34 million to £309 million, with several large exposures to certain borrowers.

1983, December – JMB's two largest exposures now amount to 51 per cent and 25 per cent of the bank's capital base.

1984, June – Auditors Arthur Young give JMB a clean bill of health. Problems begin to arise with JMB's largest exposures. Esal Group, the commodity trader, collapses owing JMB a minimum £6 million. JMB's pretax profits fall from £24.3 million to £9.4 million.

1984, August – JMB holds meeting with the Bank of England.

1984, September – Price Waterhouse called in to give second opinion on JMB and concludes that bad debt provisions would far exceed £100 million JMB capital.

1984, October – JMB near to collapse. The Bank of England buys it for £1. JMB files petitions to wind up several of Mr Sipra's companies. Mr Sipra threatens to sue for $300 million.

1984, November – Bank of England arranges £150 million rescue package with British banks.

1984, December – Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, announces a wide ranging inquiry into banking supervision. Relations with Treasury worsen when Bank of England admits it has deposited £100 million with JMB without telling Mr Lawson.

1985, May – Likely losses at JMB work out at £245 million out of a total of £450 million.

1985, June – JMB and Bank of England start legal action against Arthur Young. Chancellor says the Bank of England "fell down on the job" of supervision. He says there is no prima facie evidence of fraud at JMB.

July – Bank of England calls in police to investigate gaps in documentation of JMB loans. Mr Brian Sedgmore claims fraud is involved.

October – Police investigate claims that the Bank of England officials conspired to defraud a liquidator of £19 million following JMB's near collapse.

November – Bank of England announces intention to sell JMB early in 1986.

The Times overseas selling prices [illegible]

Joint Ulster conference

Security on agenda for first meeting

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The British and Irish governments are expected to give immediate effect to the Hillsborough agreement, after its approval by both parliaments, by convening next week the first meeting of their joint conference on Northern Ireland.

The agenda for the inaugural meeting in Belfast, which was itself agreed at Hillsborough, will include better co-operation on security between the two governments; and two sensitive *matters put forward by Dublin,* the improvement of relations between the security forces and the minority community, and the possibility of mixed courts in which judges from either side of the border sit together.

The decision that the conference would meet in Belfast as soon as possible was itself announced by the two prime ministers at the signing ceremony two weeks ago.

At Westminster yesterday the 15 Ulster Unionist members were still concerting their plans for joint by-election campaigns early in the new year which they hope will convince the Government that the agreement has little support among Northern Ireland voters.

They will resign their seats by the traditional device of applying for the two notional offices of profit under the Crown, the stewardships of the Chiltern Hundreds and of the Manor of *Northstead, of which the tenure* automatically disqualifies them.

They have been assured that there is no reason why the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in whose gift these sinecures lie, should not appoint all 15 men in rapid succession, in a matter of hours if need be.

There should be no difficulty either about arranging the by-elections on the unionists' *preferred date in late January or* early February.

Unionists face challenge in key marginals

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Unionist politicians were given a strong hint yesterday that nationalists will challenge them in four crucial marginal seats at the mini general election they are forcing on the issue of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

As two leading members of the Democratic Unionist Party became the first of 15 unionists to quit their Westminster seats, Mr John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, predicted that not all of them *would be returning in the* by-elections to be held before the end of the first week in February.

The implication of Mr Hume's remark is that he is in favour of fighting one or more of four border constituencies which without a split Nationalist vote could be on by a candidate representing the minority Roman Catholic community.

The SDLP has ruled out any pact with Sinn Fein, political wing of the IRA, and although it is the executive which will take the decision on whether to contest by-elections several leading figures expect them to field candidates.

They have high expectation that in the aftermath of the agreement they well be able to rally nationalist opinion to increase their representation at Westminster. One seat on which they would target much energy would be Down South, where Mr Enoch Powell has a majority of 548.

After the decisive Commons vote in *favour of the Government* all 15 Official and Democratic Unionist MPs are to resign with effect from January 1 to fight by-elections which they say will give the unionist people of the province an opportunity to demonstrate their opposition to the deal.

The four most crucial seats for unionists are Down South, Fermanagh and South Tyrone, Newry and Armagh and Mid Ulster, which on a straight sectarian head count are considered winnable for nationalists.

PERCENTAGE VOTE BY PARTY
GENERAL ELECTION 1983

	OUP	DUP	SDLP	PSF	ALL	WP	Turnout	Maj
Down S	40.3	7.3	39.2	7.9	3.6	1.7	76.6	548
Fermanagh S Tyrone	47.6	-	16.5	34.8	-	1.1	88.6	7,678
Mid Ulster	13.1	30	22.4	29.9	3.2	1.4	84.3	78
Newry & Armagh	40	-	36.8	20.9	-	2.3	76	1,554

OUP: Official Unionist Party; DUP: Democratic Unionist Party; SDLP: Social Democratic and Labour Party; PSF: Provisional Sinn Fein; ALL: Alliance; WP: Workers Party.

Huge rise in barristers' insurance

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Some barristers' chambers are facing demands for increases in professional indemnity insurance premiums against negligence of between 500 and 1,800 per cent because of increased claims against the profession generally.

They have complained to the Bar's professional indemnity insurance committee about the increases, particularly those of Lloyd's underwriters.

Chambers with substantial civil practices have had premium increases of between 50 per cent and 500 per cent, even where there is no history of substantial claims. When there have been such claims, the increases have been up to 1,800 per cent.

Unlike solicitors, who have a master policy professional indemnity scheme negotiated by the profession, individual chambers make their own insurance arrangements.

Yesterday, Mr Neill Morrison, deputy secretary of the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar, said: "The reason is the increase in claims against the professions generally. The insurance market does not differentiate clearly between barristers, solicitors and accountants, although obviously there is a big difference between the work of a large firm of chartered accountants and that of most barristers."

There have been substantial claims recently against firms of chartered accountants which would have a "spin-off" effect and a number of underwriters had withdrawn from the market.

● The Bar, the barristers' governing body, is inquiring *into whether* black barristers are disciminated against.

The Bar's race relations committee, chaired by Mr Justice Scott, a High Court judge, had sent all heads of chambers a questionnaire aimed at finding out the success rate of non-white would-be barristers.

The committee wants to know how many who apply for "pupilage" get places in chambers.

● The Court of Appeal yesterday reserved judgement on the Liberal MP Mr Cyril Smith's appeal against a High Court judge's refusal to allow a solicitor, Mr Alastair Brett, rather than a barrister, to read a statement in court.

● Prominent barristers from all parties yesterday took the unusual step of tabling a Commons motion backing the right of lawyers to challenge the membership of juries.

Chauffeur guilty of one theft only

Soraya Khashoggi's former chauffeur, walked free from Winchester Crown court yesterday at the end of a month-long trial in which he was accused of stealing property worth £100,000 from her.

Howard, aged 39, of Craven Park Road, Harlesden, north London, was acquited of all 22 theft charges except one, the theft of a porcelain figure. He was fined £250 for that and a further £200 for driving while disqualified.

Correction

Yesterday's report on attitudes in the National Union of Mineworkers to pay talks should have stated that the union areas' decisions were taken with great reluctance, recognizing that a pay deal had already been agreed with the Union of Democratic Mineworkers.

British Steel chairman

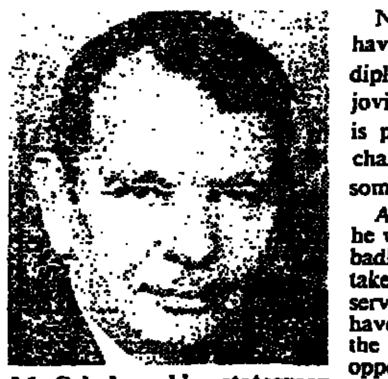
Fourth time lucky for deputy chief

Mr Robert Scholey's decade as "bridesmaid" to the top man at British Steel has finally come to an end with his appointment as chairman from April next year.

For the Sheffield steelman, who has spent his whole working life in the industry, it is fourth time lucky.

In 1976, before Sir Charles Villiers was appointed chairman, Mr Scholey was already considered a possible candidate, by the time Mr Ian MacGregor was brought in, he certainly was.

Sir Robert Haslam's selection in 1983 was therefore inevitably seen as a case of being passed over. "I don't like that word 'survivor'." Mr Scholey said yesterday. But he has survived as the number two at British Steel while three chairmen have come and gone.



Mr Scholey, elder statesman of industry

For the first time the corporation will have a real steel man at its head. Born in 1921, he is the son of a Sheffield steelmaker, and has the forthright style of a Yorkshireman, a plain-speaking manner that has in the past gone down badly in Whitehall.

Nowadays he is less abrasive, having taken up the necessary diplomatic skills. Although a jovial extrovert in character, he is planning a low-key style of chairmanship, in contrast to some of his predecessors.

As a professional steel man he wanted the £100,000 top job badly, though he has never taken to politicians and civil servants. "For a long time I have been dedicated to getting the industry on its feet. The opportunity of doing something to get us in a stronger position to face market conditions is an exciting prospect," he said.

As the man in charge of day-to-day operations he can already take much of the credit for British Steel's move from losses of £660 million five years ago to the present modest profitability.

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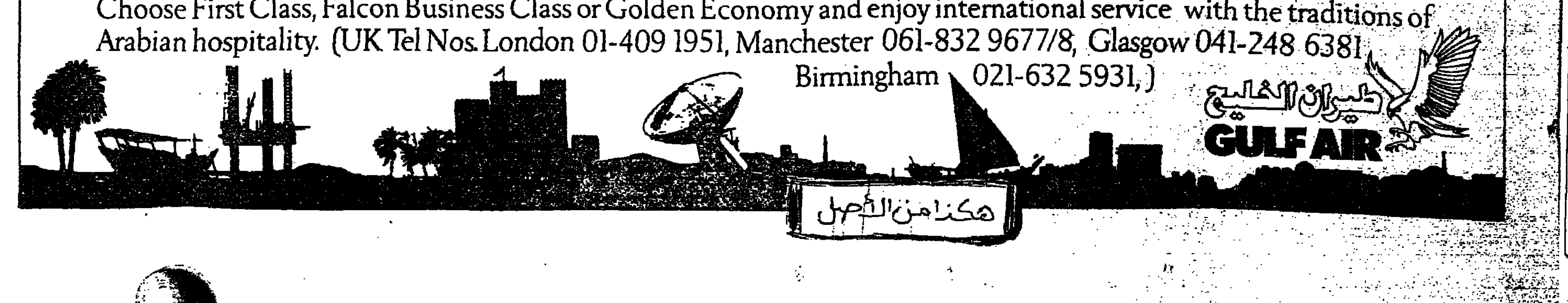

Doctor says Mrs Jarrett was a 'candidate for death at anytime'

By Rupert Morris

Mrs Cynthia Jarrett, whose death during a police search of her home led to the Tottenham riot, had advanced heart disease which made her "a candidate for death at any time", a heart specialist said yesterday at the inquest into her death. Dr Walter Somerville, president of the British Cardiac Society, said on the second day of the inquest at Hornsey Coroners' Court: "Mrs Jarrett had an advanced form of heart disease, mainly an enlargement of the heart of extreme degree associated with high blood pressure. Her life expectancy was measured in months rather than years.

"Mrs Jarrett's heart was so diseased that she was a candidate for death at any time. Death might have been immediately triggered off by physical activity or an emotional upset."

Dr Somerville said he had not seen Mrs Jarrett alive or dead, basing his remarks on the reports of doctors and pathologists who examined her.

"I formed the opinion that she had been exposed to a highly emotional situation which so disturbed her hert's reaction that the disturbance and the heart's action was responsible for acute sudden heart failure and death."

Asked by the coroner, Dr David Paul, about the effect of a fall on a woman in her condition, Dr Somerville said that, bearing in mind her weight – more than 18 stone – an uninterrupted fall would have been "an additional precipitating factor".

Miss Patricia Jarrett, Mrs Jarrett's daughter, had told the court that she had seen a policeman push her mother aside, causing her to fall.

Dr Somerville said Mrs Jarrett's condition was such that "it would be impossible for her not to have shown signs of ill health".

The coroner then recalled evidence given earlier by Miss Jarrett and her brother, Michael, that they had not been aware of their mother's condition, or ever noticed her short of breath.

Dr Somerville said: "It would be exceptionally uncommon that a person in that condition would not have shown some signs of breathlessness."

Under cross-examination, Dr Somerville said Mrs Jarrett might have received such a shock from finding the police searching her house and learning that her son Floyd had been arrested that it had "started off a train off events in the heart that changed it to an organ that was failing rapidly."

Asked if she might have survived had she not fallen to the ground, as when she was allegedly pushed, Dr Somerville agreed it was possible, but added: "I wouldn't have thought so."

He agreed with Mr Michael Austin-Smith, representing the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, that if Miss Jarrett had shouted and sworn at the police – as police witnesses would be testifying – this and the shock of the police entry into the house could have caused her heart failure.

Earlier the court heard evidence from Miss Lisa Hempele, a freelance reporter working for Independent Radio News, and listened to a tape recording of interviews conducted with Miss Jarrett and Mr Michael Jarrett the morning after their mother's death on October 5.

In the taped interview, Miss Jarrett described how a policemen had "pushed past" her mother, knocking her over.

"He didn't come back and say sorry," she said. Miss Jarrett went on to say how her mother said she didn't feel well, got up to fetch a tablet and went to the lavatory to change ready to go to hospital. When she came back, she collapsed, and died soon afterwards.

Mr Austin-Smith said that because this account conflicted with an account given by Miss Jarrett to the Police Complaints Authority, it was evident she had been lying, and it was in the public interest that this discrepancy be pointed out.

On Wednesday Miss Jarrett told the inquest jury that it was she who had fetched the tablets for her mother and that her mother had not got up after being pushed over, except when Miss Jarrett helped her into the chair.

Mr Stephen Solley, counsel for the Jarrett family, said it was an abuse of privilege for Mr Austin-Smith to have made the taped interview available to the court, as it had been given in confidence to the Essex police inspector investigating the complaint. He said Miss Jarrett had been under exceptional emotional stress that morning after her mother's death. She was aware of the discrepancies, and admitted them.

'Pillow talk' drug gang pair convicted

By Craig Seton

Two members of an international drug ring masterminded by a Briton living in Spain which was said to have made £1 million a month, were convicted at Worcester Crown Court yesterday of conspiracy to supply cannabis.

John Terry, aged 36, from London, and Ian Davies, from Ward End, Birmingham, will be sentenced by Judge Ward next week, with 11 men and women who pleaded guilty to conspiracy before the three-week trial.

All were arrested after an operation by West Mercia police code named "Operation Pillow Talk" after a couple revealed details after they accidentally switched on a hotel's baby alarm intercom while making love.

A receptionist at the Mount Olympus Hotel, Stourport, on Severn, Worcerstershire, overheard the conversation

Two other men, David Gibbons, aged 32, of Hagley Road, Birmingham, and Francis McGrail, aged 36, of Kingstanding, Birmingham, were found not guilty of conspiracy.

Detectives found Barry Humphreys, aged 42, from Stourbridge, West Midlands and Lynn Homer, aged 30, from Acocks Green, naked

The court was told that the mastermind was Raymond Allon, a former Birmingham wine bar owner who had fled Britain in May 1984

Car plates check 'too dear'

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

A machine that will read the number plate of a car travelling at 100 mph on a motorway even in the dark was demonstrated in London yesterday.

The device was developed as part of the Home Office programme started 10 years ago for the police by Computer Recognition Systems for the automatic identification of number plates.

However, the Home Office said yesterday that the equipment, intended to help police track some of the 40,000 stolen cars on the roads each day, was not cost-effective. A single installation over one motorway lane would cost between £35,000 and £45,000.

But the makers were confident yesterday that the invention would be accepted by security companies and by local authorities for car park fraud and road census work.

'Lenient' judge gives rapist 9-year term

A Central Criminal Court judge who was criticized recently for being too lenient, yesterday jailed a rapist for nine years.

The Recorder of London, Sir James Miskin, was criticized after he sentenced six Brixton youths who raped two school girls 45 times, to up to seven years custody.

Yesterday he jailed Juan Gonzalez, of Old Compton Street, Solo, for nine years and recommended his deportation.

The girl, an Australian, aged 25, had been in London only a week when she was attacked.

Gonzalez, aged 34, a Colombian, at first denied rape and buggery but changed his plea to guilty after his victim broke down in tears as she gave evidence.

Sex bias claim by overweight policewoman

A Ministry of Defence policewoman claimed at an industrial tribunal yesterday that she was the victim of sexual discrimination because she was disciplined for being "grossly overweight and untidy".

WPC Susan Macleod, aged 39, who weighs 13 stone and is 5ft 4ins tall, was put on report by her chief superintendent because of her appearance, the tribunal at Plymouth was told.

But she said policemen criticized for being too fat were not dealt with so severely.

WPC Macleod, who works at Devonport dockyard, was told to smarten herself up

Mr Michael Horwood, for the Ministry of Defence, called the case a "piffling matter

Award for 'Dolly Parton' woman

Mrs Jane Creed, a receptionist at Cheltenham Leisure Centre who was nicknamed "Dolly Parton" was awarded £1,707 damages yesterday.

An industrial tribunal at Gloucester upheld her claim that Mrs Creed, aged 36, of Shurdington, Gloucestershire, left her job because of the behaviour of the duty manager, Mr Paul Johnson after she refused his sexual advances.

Island offer

Burgh Island, off Bigbury-on-Sea on south Devon, is to be offered for sale at auction on December 12. The 22-acre island has a 34-bedroom hotel, a shop, three cottages and a public house dating from 1336.

Cigarette danger

Glasgow 'lung cancer capital'

By Nicholas Timmins

Glasgow was named yesterday as the lung cancer capital of the world, with Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen not far behind.

Lung cancer among men in Glasgow, at more than 130 cases per 100,000 of the male population each year, is higher than that recorded anywhere in the world, according to the *Atlas of Cancer in Scotland*, published yesterday by the World Health Organization.

For Scotland as a whole, the lung cancer rate in men is surpassed only among the black population in New Orleans, the New Zealand Maoris and the native Hawaiians, the atlas shows. Among women, the lung cancer rate is also "extraordinarily high".

The drive in Glasgow, launched two years ago, to make the city tobacco-free by the year 2,000 is "a public health necessity", the authors of the report said yesterday. "Abolition of cigarette smoking would reduce the number of premature deaths from this type of cancer by 440 each year."

Dr Calum Muir, a Scot who now works for the cancer research agency of the World Health Organization, said the "tragically" high rate of lung cancer in Glasgow men was because "Glasgow men smoke far too much and it si possible they do not eat enough of the protective foods such as fresh fruit, green and yellow vegetables, which may help to mitigate to some degree the effects of smoking".

The atlas shows a three to four-fold difference in lung cancer rates in men between predominantly rural areas, where the lowest rate is in the Orkney Islands and Skye, and the highest rates in Glasgow, with a six to seven-fold difference for women in different parts of Scotland.

But the atlas says the difference is not because living in cities increases the risk of lung cancer. It is more likely that people in cities smoke more. "Most lung cancer, perhaps as much as 85 per cent of the total incidence, is caused by smoking cigarettes and could be avoided by not smoking", the atlas says. "Several studies have shown that atmospheric pollution is not likely to increase lung cancer risk other then in smokers."

The atlas records rates for all the main types of cancer and shows high rates of bowel cancer in the north of Scotland, but low rates in the south. Cancer of the gullet in women, although a relatively rare disease, is still the highest recorded in Europe.

Atlas of Cancer in Scotland 1975-80 available from Oxford University Press, Walton Street, Oxford OX2 6DP, £30).

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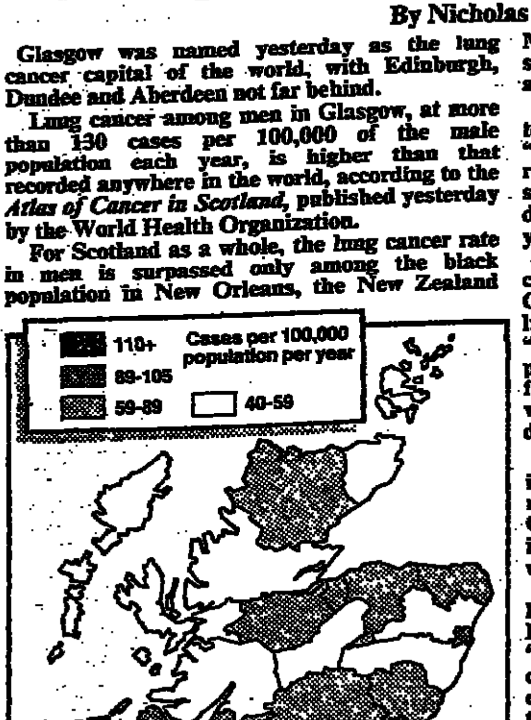

SCOTLAND: Lung and associated cancers (men)

Crowds queueing to beat the 10am deadline for the Laura Ashley offer yesterday.

Last-minute rush for Ashley shares

By Alison Eadie

A huge oversubscription for the Laura Ashley offer for sale looks assured after crowd scenes of almost unprecedented proportions outside the receiving bankers, Barclays, in Farringdon Street, in London, yesterday.

Mr David Clementi, of the issuing house, Kleinwort Benson, took the unusual step of closing the queue at the 10 am deadline, but allowing hopeful investors to continue to hand in their applications. It was 10.50 am before all applications were in.

The basis of allocation will be announced today or tomorrow.

The final method of allocation had not been decided last night, but a mixture of balloting and scaling down will probably be used. The company itself was keen for Laura Ashley shoppers to become investors, which was a key reason for choosing a fixed price and not a tender offer flotation.

Dealings in the shares start on the stock market on December 5 and a handsome premium to the 135p offer price looks likely.

Depression in women 'caused by poor life'

By Nicholas Timmins

Women's higher rates of depression, anxiety and neurotic illness are almost certainly not due to them being weaker but probably the result of a poor deal in life, psychiatrists said yesterday.

Women report symptoms of physical and mental illness and consult doctors more than men, Dr Rachel Jenkins and Professor Anthony Clare, consultants at St Bartholemew's Hospital, London, say in today's *British Medical Journal*.

The finding is in sharp contrast to women's longer life expectancy. "The explanation most often offered for this sex difference refers to strains and stresses associated with women's biological state. Women have been seen as the products and prisoners of their reproductive systems".

Attempts to establish a biological explanation for higher rates of mental illness have not been particularly successful, they say Genetic factors are of negligible importance in most neurotic illness. Depression after child birth is more common but evidence that hormonal changes are responsible is as yet circumstantial.

Studies show that contrary to widespread belief the menopause has no effect on rates of depression and any effect from premenstrual tension or use of the contraceptive pill appears to be small, they say.

Most studies that compare men and women where the two groups are genuinely comparable for occupation, education and income show little difference. A mental health study of men and women rearing children found that men were the more depressed.

Social stress, divorce, unemployment, moving house, or poor housing for example, are implicated in the causes of mental illness, but there have been few attempts to compare the degrees with which men and women face them.

RSPCA man resigns over Bill on experiments

By Robin Young

A leading anti-vivisectionist and former chairman of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals resigned yesterday as vice-chairman of an RSPCA committee.

Mr Richard Ryder said that government supporters had influenced the charity to support the Government's Bill on animal experiments, which had its second reading in the House of Lords yesterday.

"My argument is not with the RSPCA but with this pathetic Bill", Mr Ryder said yesterday.

"At its annual general meeting in June the RSPCA made 13 specific criticisms of the White Paper on which the Bill is based. None was incorporated in the Bill, which is heralded as a great step forward in animal welfare but will in fact make the position much worse for laboratory animals.

Instead, the requirment that scientists should, wherever possible, pursue humane alternative techniques, which was in the White Paper, was dropped from the Bill, which is now totally inadequate. Yet government spokesmen have been able to issue misleading statements claiming that the Bill has RSPCA support."

Mr Ryder resigned from the vice-chairmanship of the RSPCA Animal Experimentation Advisory Committee, of which he was chairman until recently, but will remain a member of that committee and of the RSPCA council.

- The campaign by groups implacably opposed to all animal experimentation must not be allowed to delay constructive reforms in laboratory animal health and welfare, the British Veterinary Association said yesterday.

Welcoming the Governments Bill on animal experiments, the association said it would provide the necessary machinery for greatly increased protection.

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Public inquiry on JMB not right way to proceed

THE CITY

There was a call in the Commons for the resignation of Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer following the announcement that the City of London police investigation had discovered evidence of fraud upon Johnson Matthey Bankers.

Mr Ian Stewart, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, rejected demands during question time for a public inquiry into the Johnson Matthey banking affairs. Mr Lawson was on the front bench but took no part in the exchanges.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said the Chancellor should be answering the JMB questions. Was he evading these answers? He knew the full responsibility should fall *upon him because as far back as* October 23 last year and later on November 11, when He (Mr Skinner) had called specifically for the fraud squad to go in, Mr Lawson and the Attorney General were dodging the answers.

It is a scandal (he said) that the parent company, Johnson Matthey plc, have been able to announce a dividend of £700,000 for a few of their shareholders when they refused to bear the burden of the errant child, Johnson Matthey Bankers.

They allowed the brat, JMB, to make money and get involved in fraud and yet they escaped scot free. It is time Mr Lawson resigned.

Mr Stewart: The Johnson Matthey group had to inject £50 million at the time of the rescue and it would not be in the condition it is in today if it in turn had not had a larfe injection of cash by its own major shareholder, Charter Consolidated. It is necessary to put the record straight.

As for his allegations against Mr Lawson, it behoves anyone at any stage in this story to make available any evidence available to them for investigation. Random allegations by Mr Skinner do not amount to evidence.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab), opening the exchanges, said that given that morning's development and given what the Bank of England, the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Attorney knew, why did it take ministers between October 1984 and July 1985 to call in the fraud squad? Why so tardy?

Mr Stewart: It is not for ministers to call in the fraud squad. In July, when he made the announcement of a preliminary police investigation, Mr Lawson said there was not, strictly speaking, prima facie evidence of fraud at that stage although deficiencies of documentation created sufficient suspicion.

Sir Anthony Grant (Cambridgeshire South West, C): Criticism of this wretched banking company is not confined to the other side of the House. Many of us deeply deplore the worry caused to a lot of decent people working in the Johnson Matthey company as a whole.

To preserve the good name of the City, this matter should be pursued with the utmost vigour.

Mr Stewart said he believed the police and the fraud investigation group which had been set up would pursue the matter with the utmost vigour. But he was glad that Mr Grant had had the opportunity to say what he had.

Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, L) asked if the public had the right to express outrage at how rarely offences in the City seemed to result in somebody actually landing in jail, whereas rather minor offices in one's own community resulted in successful prosecutions.

Mr Stewart said he took the point. It was an unfortunate fact that the standard of evidence required to get a conviction in cases of financial fraud had to be very high. Lord Roskill and his committee had been charged with considering the question of the conduct of fraud trials.

Mr Timothy Smith (Beaconsfield, C): Instead of constantly demanding inquiries into those matters, we should be concentrating on the need to give the fraud investigators much more specific powers to obtain evidence to bring these people to book. These powers should be introduced in the Financial Services Bill.

Mr Stewart said that Bill was not a matter for the Treasury.

Mr Brian Sedgemore (Hackney South and Shoreditch, Lab) said all MPs would be pleased at the announcement, particularly if it led to criminals being brought to book and allowed him to get on with his investigatins into the Lloyd's scandal next week. (Laughter)

But should not the Chancellor come to the House (he said) and explain how he said in a statement on June *20 and on July 17 this year that* there was no prima facie evidence of fraud when parliamentary answers to me in the last two weeks have shown conclusively that the Attorney General and the Bank of England could have advised him that those statements were untrue?

Mr Lawson indicated dissent.

Mr Stewart replied that what the Chancellor had said on those occasions was true. Had prima facie evidence of fraud been available earlier, no doubt the whole process could have started then.

Mr Douglas Hogg (Grantham, C) said calls for a public inquiry were inappropriate because this would have precluded the institution of criminal proceedings.

Grant: Worry caused to a lot of decent people

Mr Stewart should do what he could to ensure that the City of London fraud squad had sufficient resources to properly investigate frauds of this kind.

Mr Stewart said the Government recognized fully that adequate resources were needed for the fraud investigation group. The proper way to investigate criminal offences was by police investigation and not through public inquiries.

Mr Eric Cockeram (Ludlow, C): Many of us are concerned about the Johnson Matthey affair, particularly the Bank of England's handling of the matter.

But it is an abuse of the privilege of the House (he said) for MPs to make insinuations about colleagues *in the House or persons outside* when they have every opportunity to take all the evidence to the appropriate authorities.

Mr Steward said he hoped Labour MPs would note that Mr Cookeram had said about their conduct.

Dr Oonagh McDonald (Thurrock, Lab) an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs: The Government cannot be let off the hook as easily as that. Today's news underlines the need for a public inquiry for which I called last July and which the Prime Minister refused five days before the Chancellor's announcement of a fraud investigation.

What is at stake is not just fraud but more and more the gross incompetence of the Bank of England and its supervision of the Johnson Matthey bank and gross negligence by that bank.

Mr Stewart said the appropriate method of investigating criminal offences was through police investigation and not a public inquiry.

She can make any allegations she cares to about the behaviour and conduct of the Bank of England (he added) but there is no obligation on anyone else to go along with that sort of thing.

Mr Dalyell said he would raise the matter again.

● *Later, during Prime Minister's* questions, **Mr Anthony Blair** (Sedgefield, Lab) asked: Why, only many months after these affairs, has the case been referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions on Johnson Matthey, why has nothing been done about insider trading at British Telecom and the scandal of the Lloyds insurance market?

To be effective, the rule of law which applies to inner cities must apply with equal vigour to the City of London.

Mrs Thatcher: Matters of fraud are for the police and of prosecution for the DPP. The day politicians could interfere with prosecutions, the rule of law would cease to be upheld.

Next week's business

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:

Monday: Dockyard Services Bill, second reading.

Tuesday: *Debates on Opposition* motions on the northern region and on the Silentnight dispute.

Wednesday: European communities (Spanish and Portuguese Accession) Bill, second reading. Lothian Region (Edinburgh Western Relief Road) Order Confirmation Bill, second reading.

Thursday: Education (Amendment) Bill, second reading. Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (No 1) Order.

Friday: Private Member's motion on the growth of crime and violence among young children.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:

Monday: Shops Bill, second reading.

Tuesday: Debate on overseas aid.

Wednesday: Debate on mentally ill and mentally handicapped.

Thursday: Okehampton Bypass (Confirmation of Orders) Bill, report.

Chancellor urged to ignore Heath

THE ECONOMY

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, commented in the Commons: It would be a kindness to Mr Heath if I did not comment on the economic policies during his term of office.

He was reacting to one of the references during Commons questioning to the speech the day before in which Mr Edward Heath, the former Conservative Prime Minister, in criticizing Government economic policies, said, among other *things, that tax cuts in present* circumstances would be an insult to the employed as well as the jobless.

Mr Ralph Howell (North Norfolk, C) urged the Chancellor totally to ignore the advice he had received from ex-Prime Ministers and others and use what funds he could find to raise tax thresholds.

However, the Chancellor conceded that Mr Heath was right in his speech that over the period of the present Government the average rate of growth had been slightly less than it was during the Heath Government. But if North Sea oil *was taken out, he said, then the rate* of growth was the same.

The rate of growth under this Government had been as great as it was under the previous Labour Government, despite the fact Britain had undergone the worst world recession since the 1930s. Since then there had been the strongest recovery of any time since the first oil shock.

He was replying to Mr Michael Foot (Blaenau Gwent, Lab), who had raised the former Prime Minister's speech.

Asked which economic indicators confirmed his assessment of the progress of the economy, Mr Lawson said inflation was currently 5.4 per cent and would continue to fall. The growth of national output was likely to be 3.5 per cent this year and forecast to reach 3 per cent next year. The number of people in work had risen by 600,000 since the last election and was expected to go on rising.

Mr Alfred Dubs (Battersea, Lab): When will the Chancellor stop deceiving the *British* public about the economy? Compared with 1979, when the Conservatives took over, investment in manufacturing industry is down, industrial output is down, employment is down, and the only thing that is really up is unemployment.

Mr Lawson: He has forgotten that during the early period of office of this Government there was the worst world recession since the 1930s. Since then there had been the strongest recovery this country has had since the first oil shock.

Retail *spending is at a record* level, so is manufacturing exports, so is productivity, so is national output, so is investment. These are facts.

Mr Nigel Forman (Carshalton and Wallington, C): Will he spell out the extent to which excellent prospects for inflation and improving prospects for unemployment would be vulnerable to any take off again of unit pay costs?

Mr Lawson: One of the biggest threats to our econmic success is excessive rises in unit labour costs. As it is, unit labour costs in this country are rising more rapidly than our major competitors. In some of them, there has been a slight fall.

Mr Robert Sheldon (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lab): Will the Chancellor listen to what is happening in industry rather than listening too closely as he does to what is happening in the City of London?

Mr Lawson: I do listen to the voice of industry and to what the CBI says. The most recent CBI survey, *out a few days ago, says there is to* be a further growth in manufacturing experts and output in the coming year.

Mr Ralph Howell *also said it was* scandalous that they were taking £5 from a single pensioner who had an income of £70 a week but was giving over £100 tax free to 16-year-olds who deliberately made themselves homeless.

Mr Lawson: He is right to point to the importance of getting income tax down. This the Government has done and we intend to continue to do *so when the opportunity arises. If* however by any mishap there were to be a Labour Government, income tax would be raised very substantially indeed.

Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and Economic Affairs: If the Chancellor is so concerned about wage costs, why did the Conservative Party in its last party political broadcast boast that in six years in office wages have risen more quickly than prices.

Mr Lawson: They *have*, very substantially indeed. That is why.

● Mr Lawson also denied there was any chance of the pound becoming "confetti" money. He told MPs that the average value of the sterling index in October 1985 was 80.4, compared with 88 in October 1979.

Mr James Hamilton (Motherwell North, Lab) said the present value of sterling was a further indictment against the incompetence of this Government.

Does it not (he continued) underline the speech made by Mr Heath that this country is now in a perilous state? The pound will soon become confetti.

Mr Lawson: The main reason for the change is the sharp increase in the dollar against all other currencies over that period which is not fully unwound, in spite of recent events.

● Mr Hattersley questioned Mr Lawson about Government policy on wages and inflation.

He said the Conservatives had boasted during a political broadcast that wages were *running ahead of* inflation. Is Mr Lawson (he asked) glad about that? Does he wish it to continue?

Mr Lawson: Under this Government the growth in living standards generally has risen far, far more than under the last Labour Government.

What has happened, which I regret, is that in the distribution too much is going to those in work. As a result, those out of work have increased. Therefore, a greater degree of restraint by employers in awarding wage increases would lead to more people in work.

The total rise in living standards overall is three or four times higher than it was under the last Labour Government.

● Mr Edward Leigh (Gainsborough and Horncastle, C): Labour MPs have a curious amnesia about the fact that inflation at 4 per cent is exactly that achieved in the best month of the best year of the last Labour Government.

Mr Lawson: He is right to point to the contrasts. the *highest* monthly rate of inflation under this Government is lower than the lowest rate of inflation during the whole of the previous Labour Government.

As for pensioners, it is quite extraordinary that Labour MPs should wish for a high rate of pensions as that is geared to the RPI and that could only mean a high rate of inflation. Is that what they want?

Mr Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw, Lab) said that profits had risen far higher than wages.

Mrs Lawson: I welcome the increase in the recovery of profitability in industry; it had got to an abysally low level. It has led to investment under this Government and to more people *in* work.

He agreed with Mr Timothy Yeo (South Suffolk, C) that it was a combination of low wage increases, falling inflation and steady growth that offered the most favourable circumstances for creating new jobs.

Privatized industries do better

GAS BILL

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, told the Prime Minister that her privatization plans would not result in people's capitalism, but **Mrs Thatcher** said that she believed in people having a stake in their business, although she knew that Mr Kinnock could not stand that.

Mr Kinnock said, during question time, that the Gas Bill had been published today. The Prime Minister had frittered away the bonus of North Sea oil and was about to do the same with another great national asset which had done excellent service for many years.

Why is she still insisting (he asked) on giving away the public good of all for the sake of the private profit of a few?

Mrs Thatcher: *If* Mr Kinnock has been able to read all the Gas Bill, I congratulate him. Privatization is this Government's policy. The assets will be sold to those who wish to purchase and particularly to employees.

Mr Kinnock said that sales Mrs Thatcher had made and proposed would not bring people's capitalism. All the main institutions and rich individuals (he said) have made a substantial killing. She should put the interests of 16 million gas users before the interests of a small number of shareholders.

Mrs Thatcher: Most industries which have been denationalized *have done far better when they have* been privatized. This is one more which will continue to do so.

Extensions to right to buy homes

SCOTLAND

Claims that £7 billion was needed to repair Scottish homes were substantially exaggerated, **Mr George Younger**, Secretary of State for Scotland, said in the Commons when moving the second reading of the Housing (Scotland) Bill.

He was reacting to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities' campaign for more investment in the public housing stock. While much work needed to be done, he said, Government policies were designed to tackle the problem in a sensible, properly programmed way.

The Bill would allow housing association tenants to buy their homes and make it easier for other *public sector tenants to buy*

The Bill placed new requirements on landlords not to induce tenants into agreements which purported to restrict their right to buy. This was directed at the type of agreement which Glasgow District Council required its tenants to sign before houses were modernized.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said the Bill was nothing more than an apology, a non-event. While the Opposition would look at it carefully in committee, they could not give the Bill a warm welcome.

The way discount became available was arbitrary and it might be squeezed or eliminated altogether in some cases. The most profitable deal for the sitting tenant would be in the most desirable areas. There would be a substantial killing for a small number of lucky people, but that was not the sort of social balance to justify that sort of policy.

The Bill was read a second time.

Cash for farmers hit by weather

AGRICULTURE

Help for farmers hit by the exceptionally bad weather earlier this year would cost £16,900,000, and the Government hoped to pay a significant part of it before Christmas, **Mr Michael Jopling**, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said in a statement in the Commons.

He said that the Government would made exceptional payments to farmers with suckler cows and breeding ewes in specified parts of the less favoured areas and to farmers with dairy cows in certain more limited areas.

The payments would be £14 per suckler cow and 35p per sheep. Areas would be less favoured areas throughout Scotland and Northern Ireland and in Cumbria, Durham, Lancashire, Northumberland, North Yorkshire (except the North Yorkshire Moors), West Yorkshire and Tyne and Wear. In Wales payment would be made in the original less favoured areas in Gwynnedd, Dyfed, Wst Glamorgan, *Mid Glamorgan and* parts of Gwent, Powys, and Clwyd.

For dairy cows, the payment would be £4.50 per animal, to be paid to dairy farmers in Cumbria (including the area outside less favoured areas); in Strathclyde, Central and Dumfries the Galloway Regions of Scotland and in Northern Ireland.

The payments were to be made on the number of animals farmers expected to have on specified dates and they were invited to put in claims quickly.

Farmers in the areas specified were not the only ones badly affected but those where the situation was most serious were included.

Mr Jopling went on to announce the determination for Hill Livestock *Compensatory* Allowances for 1986 which were being increased from January 1.

In the old less favoured areas, allowances for suckler cows would be increased by £10 to £54.50, for ewes of mountain breeds by 50p to £6.75 and for other ewes by 25p to £4.50.

In the new less favoured areas, allowances for suckler cows would be increased by £5 to £27.50 and the allowance for ewes by 13p to £2.25.

The maximum payment per hectare in the original less favoured areas would go up from £60 to £62.48 and in the new less-favoured areas from £45 to £46.86 per hectare.

Those additional payments were expected to cost £10,900,000 in a full year and represent an increase of about 11 per cent on existing annual HLCA payments of about £98 million a year.

The combined cost of the severe weather and additions to HLCAs would be £25,300,000, of which £5,300,000 would be found from savings in the agriculture departments and the remainder from reserves.

Mr Brynmor John, chief Opposition spokesman on agriculture, said the delay in responding to the exceptionally bad weather had caused much hardship, economic and structural, in farming communities.

The selection of areas for the dairy cow proposals seemed bizarre, excluding large chunks of England, the whole of Wales, and much of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

Mr Jopling said that before acting, the Government had had to assess the hardest hit areas. Advice had been needed. On the selection of areas for aid for dairy cows, advice from the advisory services was that the formula he had announced was the best.

Sir Hector Monro (Dumfries, C): Will he try to make the forms as simple as possible in order to speed up payment?

Mr Jopling: It is our intention to pay out these funds as soon as we possibly can and for that reason we will try to keep the forms as simple as we possibly can.

Extremist violence condemned

ANIMAL WELFARE

The cause of animal welfare was not helped by the outrageous behaviour of extremists who committed violent assaults on laboratories and scientists, **Lord Glenarthur**, Under Secretary of State for Home Affairs, said in moving in the Lords the second reading of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Bill.

Their conduct was a menace the Government took seriously and the Metropolitan Police was co-ordinating efforts throughout the counrty to see that the perpetrators of these crimes were brought to book.

Britain's history of care for animals was second to none. It was that care that led to the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876, but it was high time to replace it with an up-to-date statute and modern guidance.

Although the number of experiments had fallen sharply it remained essential to use animals in medical research. Much of the reduction had been because of the increasing use of alternative methods, but for many projects there was no foreseeable prospect of any alternative.

The key principle in the Bill's proposals was the dual system of licensing. The personal licence would be issued to people competent to carry out particular procedures on animals. The project licence would be issued if the Home Secretary considered that the programme of work it described was justified. Both kinds of licence must be obtained before any kind of work could be done on an animal.

There would be new provisions on the care of animals in laboratories and for the first time the breeding and supply of the commonest kind of laboratory animals would be controlled.

The Bill did not and could not satisfy those who believe that all scientific procedures using animals must be stopped at once. They might all respect the sincerity of those who thought that, but their cause and the cause of animal welfare generally was not helped by the "animal hooligans", mostly of the healthiest generation this country had ever seen because of past medical research.

This small minority of extremists (he said) must not deter us from our aim of bringing into being effective new controls.

Lord Houghton of Sowerby (Lab) said if a Bill was so loosely worded that many interpretations could be put on it without power of recourse to the courts for determination, as had been the case with the 1876 Bill, then they would have an Act that could be pushed around like a statutory jelly. That mistake had to be avoided on this occasion.

The Government was to be congratulated for the new powers and responsibilities which the Bill would place on the Home Secretary. When it came to weighing up the degree of pain and suffering of an animal the Home Secretary would have to put that against the value of the work involved. That would be a hard task.

I plead with the animal welfare organizations who are displaying a good deal of militant activity at present (he said) to regard this Bill as an opportunity which opens the way to them to indulge in constructive work on these matters.

No such organization need fear that they will be out of business, because all will be well. This Bill can be watched and monitored from different angles as to what decisions and what policies the Home Secretary follows.

Intelligent, critical observations in the field of animal use in the laboratory will be a good thing, so long as it is not full of venom, hostility and intransigence to the extent we are getting from some quarters.

These deep moral divides (he said) have had to be overcome; bridges have had to be built. I hope cooperation will be forthcoming on both sides to make this Bill work.

Easier borrowing and lending

OVERSEAS AID

One of the Government's aims was not only to provide an efficient and sustained overseas aid programme but to encourage private sector investment in developing countries, **Lady Young**, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in the House of Lords when the Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill was read a second time.

The corporation's activities, she said, were very much in line with these objectives.

The Bill extended the power of the CDC to enable it to arrange for borrowing and lending overseas on more flexible basis by means of a wholly-owned subsidiary. The CDC had made a major contribution to increasing the prosperity of developing countries. It was a public sector institution and a statutory body which invested on a sound and businesslike basis and sought a fair return on the money it invested.

But it was not just another financial institution. Over the years it had built up a deserved reputation for sensitivity to the needs of developing countries, knowledge of their particular circumstances and economic potential and interest in the development of their human resources.

Lord Oram (Lab) said the Bill was to be welcomed as another step in the development of the powers of the corporation in keeping with the changing needs of the developing countries and of the expanding role of the corporation.

It was to be wished that the whole British aid programme was expanding at the same rate and with the same degree of effectiveness.

Lord Walston (SDP) said the corporation was responsible for aid which continued long after the initial project had been forgotten and even when it has passed out of the control of the corporation. Its total investment and the commitments which it had entered into were approaching £1,000 million

PM pours scorn on UN vote

THE FALKLANDS

Anyone who thought the United Nations resolution supporting negotiations between Britain and Argentina on "all aspects of the future of the Falkland Islands" did not concern sovereignty must be "absolutely bonkers", Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, declared during question time.

She was replying to **Mr George Foulkes** (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, Lab) who pointed out that Britain's closest EEC partners and friends in the Commonwealth had supported the UN resolution calling for negotiations on the future of the Falklands.

This was because (he said) Argentian made a major concession by dropping its insistence on discussions on sovereignty and instead substituted "all aspects of the future of the Falklands".

Why does the Prime Minister not respond to this (he asked) and agree to restore diplomatic relations with Argentina and enter into discussions about the future of those islands?

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP:

Foulkes: Why does Prime Minister not respond?

During the war against Argentina, she used the UN charter as the reason why *we resisted agression in* the Falklands. That same UN charter imposes an obligation on this country, as on all other countries, to try to settle disputes by negotiation.

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C): Surrender, surrender!

Dr Owen: Negotiation does not mean surrender. It is perfectly possible to enter into negotiations on all aspects while reserving our position on sovereignty.

It is high time the Prime Minister and the Government recognised the democratic government in Argentina and accepted the difference that we now have a democratically elected president who himself criticised the Argentine junta.

Mrs Thatcher: We have tried negotiating on other matters with Argentina and to restore normal commercial relations. They refused. Nevertheless we have still permitted imports into this country from Argentina. So there is nothing to criticise this Government for.

He referred to the UN charter. We put up an amendment to the motion before the General Council which upheld the right of self-determination for the people of the Falkland Islands. The UN turned down that amendment.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Debate on private Member's motion on child abuse.

Ulster deal dissenters

Twenty Conservatives voted *against* the Government on the Anglo-Irish agreement, together with 14 Unionists and 13 Labour MPs.

The Conservative rebels Julian Amery, Brighton Pavilion; Sir John Biggs-Davison, Epping Forest; Michael Brown, Brigg and Cleethorpes; John Browne, Winchester; Peter Bruinvels, Leicester East; Nicholas Budgen, Wolverhampton South-West; Terry Dicks, Hayes and Harlington; Dennshore Dover, Chorley; Sir John Farr, Harborough; Ian Gow, Eastbourne; Michael McNair-Wilson, Newbury; Michael Morris, Northampton, South; Christopher Murphy, Welwyn Hatfield; Barry Porter, Wirral South; Richard Shepherd, Aldridge-Brownhills; Trevor Skeet, Bedfordshire North; Ivor Stanbrook, Orpington; William Walker, Tayside North; Mrs Ann Winterton, Congleton; and Mr Nicholas Winterton, Macclesfield.

The 13 Labour MPs voting against the agreement, most of them members of the hard-left Campaign Group, were:

Tony Benn, Chesterfield; Bob Clay, Sunderland North; Harry Cohen, *Leighton*; Jeremy Corbyn, Islington North; Tam Dalyell, Linlithgow; Terry Fields, Liverpool Broadgreen; James Lamond, Oldham Central and Royston; Miss Joan Maynard, Sheffield Brightside; Dave Nellist, Coventry South-East; Bob Parry, Liverpool Riverside; Martin Redmond, Don Valley; Ernie Roberts, Hackney North and Stoke Newington; and Dennis Skinner, Bolsover.

The unionists voting against Roy Beggs, Antrim East; Clifford Forsythe, Antrim South; James Kilfedder, Down North; William McCrea, Ulster Mid; Harold McCusker, Upper Bann; Kenneth Maginnis, Fermanagh and South Tyrone; James Molyneaux, Lagan Valley; James Nicholson, Newry and Armagh; Ian Paisley, Atrim North; Enoch Powell, Down South; Peter Robinson, Belfast East; Martin Smyth, Belfast South; John Taylor, Strangford; and Cecil Walker, Belfast North.

Tellers against the Government were Mr William Ross, Londonderry East, Official Unionist; and Viscount Cranborne, Dorset South, Conservative.

Labourer accused of second kidnap

Gary Hopkins, an unemployed labourer accused of murdering Leoni Keating, aged three, faced three more charges at Bury St Edmunds Court, Suffolk, yesterday.

Mr Hopkins, aged 27, from Bedford, was charged with abducting a girl aged 14 from a caravan site at Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, in June and with attempting to abduct a woman aged 30 from the site a month earlier.

He was also charged with entering a caravan at the Bel-Air site at St Osyth, Essex, in September 1982 as a trespasser and stealing a camera, women's clothing and a hold-all.

On Monday, Mr Hopkins was charged with murdering Leoni Keating, and unlawfully carrying her away from a caravan site at Great Yarmouth on September 13, and of unlawfully carrying away a girl aged 10 from the St Osyth site in September 1982.

The police again restrained an angry crowd outside the courthouse, which shouted abuse and hurled eggs at the van bringing Mr Hopkins to court.

Mr Hopkins was remanded in custody until Monday.

Fresh claims on £4m football fire fund

The trustees of the Bradford disaster appeal are expected to have paid out the whole of the £4 million collected before the anniversary of the fire at the Bradford City football ground which killed 56 people in May.

Mr Roger Suddards, chairman of the trustees, said yesterday that contributions were still arriving, with £50,000 received last week. New applications from people who were at the fire and have been affected either physically or emotionally were also being considered.

Further medical reports on some claimants were awaited and it was likely that some who had already received payments would be paid additional sums.

Mr Suddards said that with the distribution of a further £2.6 million this week to about 380 claimants there had been an allocation of 83 per cent of the fund.

Rescue service would handle 'all hazards'

An emergency rescue service has been proposed by the Government to deal with large-scale industrial accidents and natural disasters as part of civil defence.

The service would also become part of Britain's home defence effort in wartime, reflecting new "all hazards" measures by the Home Office.

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Conservative MP for Upminster, has agreed to put forward an amendment to the Civil Defence Act 1948 in a private members Bill to give statutory authority for the use of civil defence resources in planning for peacetime emergencies.

A working group is to be set up from the fire service and local authorities to discuss the proposed rescue service.

Kent backs rail only tunnel

Kent County Council yesterday approved a fixed cross Channel link, although accepting that it would cause job losses and environmental damage.

The council favoured the Channel Tunnel Group's rail only scheme which the county planning officer, Mr Harry Deakin, said would cause less damage than the bridge schemes and would be more likely to leave a role for existing ferries.

South Bank directors chosen

The South Bank Board, which will run the arts complex after the abolition of the Greater London Council has chosen Mr Richard Pulford, the former deputy secretary-general of the Arts Council, and Mr Nicholas Snowman, a director at the Pompidou Centre in Paris, as its joint general directors.

Mr Pulford will control administration, and Mr Snowman will be responsible for artistic direction.

Leak kills fish

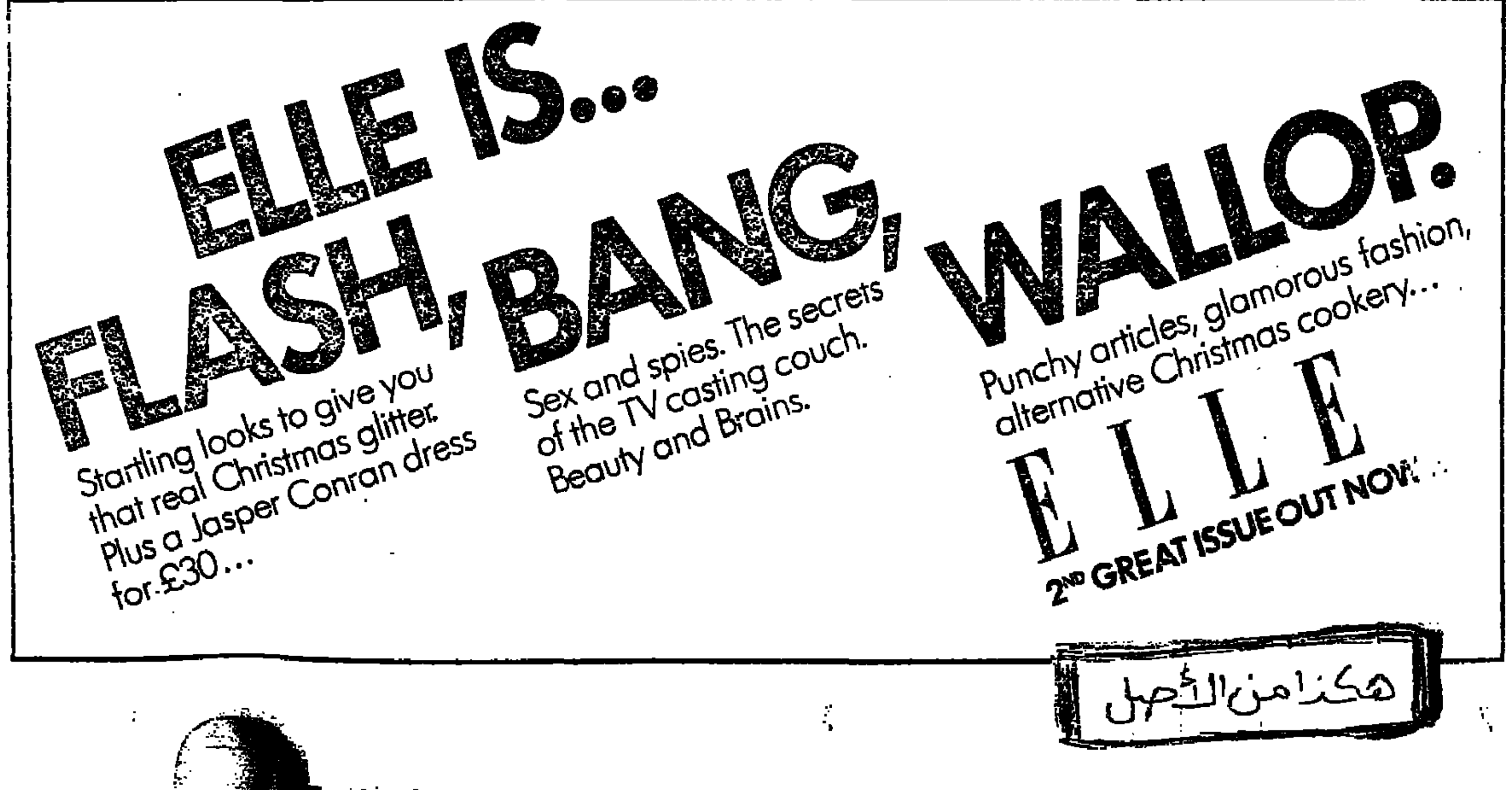
A serious pollution incident that killed 5,000 salmon and sea trout in the river Cledlyn in Dyfed, west Wales, earlier this week was caused by a leakage of fungicide from the site of a former mushroom farm near Llanybydderm, the Welsh Water Authority said.

McGuigan crash

Barry McGuigan, the world featherweight boxing champion, escaped injury yesterday when his car skidded off an icy road, hit a signpost and ploughed into a ditch near his home in Clones in the Irish Republic.

Scottish grant

Scotland is to get £28.6 million, for industrial and infrastructure projects, mainly in the Highlands and Islands and Strathclyde, as part of a £94 million grant to Britain from the EEC regional fund.



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Dyslexic boy with IQ of 143 wins right to private schooling

The mother of a gifted dyslexic boy yesterday won her High Court appeal against the refusal of her local education authority to recognize that the boy has "special educational needs."

Mr Justice Taylor said Hampshire education authority's decision was "based on an error of law" and it had adopted a wrong policy towards children in need of special educational help.

The court was told that J, aged 13, the judge ordered that he must not be identified, had an IQ of 143 and had just been accepted for membership of Mensa, the organization for the IQ elite.

But because of dyslexia, word blindness, he had difficulty putting his thoughts and ideas on paper and has become disturbed and depressed.

The judge quashed the authority's decision that J, from the Southampton area, was not entitled to be treated as a "special needs" case under the Education Act of 1981 and placed at an independent school with facilities for dyslexic children.

After the judgement, Mr Michael Brooke, counsel for the authority, told the judge: "Our policy is found wanting and no doubt something will have to be done about that."

During a two-day hearing, the judge had been told by Mr John Friel, for the mother, that J was "in desperate need of recognition as a bright child".

He had been placed in the B stream of a comprehensive school after the authority decided that, because of his high intelligence, he was able to cope and receive adequate education in a normal school.

But Mr Justice Taylor said the fact that J was of high intelligence was "neither here nor there".

The authority had refused to concede that he had a learning difficulty for the purposes of the 1981 Act. But his dyslexia was clearly a disability, the judge said.

The authority claimed there were additional provisions in ordinary schools within Hampshire to deal with dyslexic children.

But the judge said the authority had failed properly to exercise its powers because of this overall policy.

The policy had been adopted in a manner which excluded cases such as J's from proper consideration. "They must give consideration and keep their minds open," the judge said.

He ordered the authority to pay the legal costs incurred by J's mother in bringing her action.

Experiments disclose two types of disorder

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A new programme of research into cases of dyslexia is receiving support from the Medical Research Council.

The background to the work by Dr Freda Newcombe and Dr J C Marshall at the neuropsychology unit at Oxford is outlined in the council's annual report.

Investigations by those two scientists disclosed at least two types of the disorder, referred to as deep and surface dyslexia. Their findings explained why people varied greatly in the types of words they could and could not read, and in the qualitative nature of the errors they made.

In visual errors, they found the reader chooses a word similar in appearance to the one he or she is reading; thus "brush" may be read as "bush".

In errors of inflection or derivation, the root of the word is right but it is turned into the wrong part of speech; for instance, "think" becomes "thinking".

With semantic mistakes, the meaning of the word become approximated, as in the word "hermit" being read as "recluse".

With defects referred to as reularization errors there is an abnormal relationship between the spelling and its pronunciation, the word broad may be pronounced "brode", rhyme with "road".

These examples of dyslexia were chosen to show that there were different mental impairments at work. Experiments are being devised to test theories about the cause of the various types of handicap.

The council is also establishing an Institute of Molecular Medicine, at Oxford, with a grant of £1 million from the Wolfson Foundation and £450,000 from the Edward Penlay Abraham research fund.

It will be devoted to applying the techniques of cell and molecular biology to the combating specific types of genetic disease and blood disorders.

The new institute is one of the initiatives to smooth the transfer of research discoveries into clinical medicine.

Detective alleges offer of £1m bribe

A senior flying squad detective yesterday alleged that he was offered a £1 million bribe to make sure a man accused of murdering a detective did not go to prison.

Detective Chief Supt Brian Boyce told a jury at the Central Criminal Court that he told Mr Kenneth Noye he was "wasting his time" and refused the offer.

"I told him if he wanted to help me the only way was to tell me the whereabouts of the gold bullion stolen in the Brink's Mat robbery at Heathrow in 1983.

Mr Boyce was giving evidence at the trial of Mr Noye, aged 38, a builder of West Kingsdown, Kent, and Mr Brian Reader, aged 45, unemployed, of Grove Park, south London. Both have denied murdering Detective Constable John Fordham on January 26.

Mr Boyce said he went with another officer to interview Mr Noye at Romney police station about 11 gold bars found on his property after the killing.

Mr Noye then said he was a rich man and wanted to give some money to Supt Fordham's wife and family, Mr Boyce said.

"He would put £1 million in a bank anywhere in the world where no one could trace it if I would make sure he did not go to prison."

The case continues.

Milne says licence fee best way to finance BBC

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

The BBC's Director General Mr Alasdair Milne defended the television licence fee yesterday and described broadcasting as a British success story in a nation that tended to resent success in arrears not immediately concerned with the creation of wealth.

Mr Milne's remarks came at a conference in London organized by the Peacock committee, which is looking at the financing of the corporation. The BBC's case closed the event after public submissions from the ITV companies, advertisers, radio stations, cable television representatives, the National Consumer Council, and Mr Peter Jay, the broadcaster.

Professor Alan Peacock, the committee chairman, denied that the committee had obstructed the public's submission of views and said that it had encouraged outside observations more than any government committee with which he had been connected.

Mr Milne reiterated the BBC's conviction that the licence fee was the best way of funding the corporation, although it was looking at new ways of paying the fee more easily and what might be done to help the poor.

"The licence fee is a contract between broadcasters and the public. The public is arbiter and paymaster; we try in turn to give of our best and learn by so doing. And the more thoroughly we have looked at alternative ideas and suggestions for financing the BBC, the more convinced we have become that the public interest (not the BBC interest) is best served by the continuance of the licence fee as the most appropriate financial source of the BBC."

● The BBC reports a year of "unusual difficulty" in its annual report and handbook published yesterday. But its chairman, Mr Stuart Young, writes: "My view is that it takes more than a few knocks to unbalance an institution as tough and healthy and deep-rooted as this one."

The report covers the year up to last March, taking in the corporation's failure to win a £65 licence fee but not the internal dispute over the showing of the *Real Lives* programme.

● The BBC has bought the sequel to *Dynasty* and will screen the series early next year.

Mr Lyons demonstrating yesterday how one of the hijackers took the pin from a hand grenade. He said the hijacker was struggling with the pin, "so I asked him: Are you having trouble there?"

'Next in line' survivor backs hijack siege

Mr Tony Lyons, the electronics salesman who walked almost unhurt from the Egyptian hijack, flew home to Britain yesterday and said: "I feel very privileged to have survived."

Mr Lyons, aged 36, who said he had been selected by the hijackers as the next to be shot and had been locked in the lavatory ready for his "execution," added: "The first thing I want to do is see my wife and children.

"If they (the Egyptian commandos) hadn't stormed the aircraft when they did, I was next to be executed. I have a fairly biased opinion on it, feeling that it was the right thing to do."

He said that when he was taken in the hospital to see the surviving hijacker and identify him he suggested to the medical staff that he pull out the tubes on him, but they would not let him do it. "That was my feeling," he said.

His wife and two children waited at their home in Wimblington, Cambridgeshire, to meet him, but when he arrived at Heathrow airport he said: "I know my wife will tell me I am grounded."

He said he had decided to cancel some business trips he was due to make before Christmas to the Middle East and would now probably put restrictions on further flying in the region.

Race-clash head takes job fight to Lords

Mr Ray Honeyford, headmaster at the centre of a clash over multi-ethnic education, is to take his legal fight for his job to the House of Lords.

Mr Honeyford, aged 51, head of Drummond Middle School, Bradford, was yesterday granted leave by the Law Lords to appeal against a court of appeal ruling earlier this month that his employers, Bradford City Council, were entitled to continue disciplinary proceedings against him in spite of a vote by school governors for his reinstatement.

Mr Honeyford is expected to know his position at his school today. Conservative councillors in Bradford who have backed him, and also blocked a £100,000 severance payment, intend to hold a press conference.

It is believed they may have found a way to allow Mr Honeyford to leave the school "with dignity".

Leaders of all political parties have received a letter from the headmasters' union, the National Association of Head Teachers, outlining the position.

It emphasized that if the terms are right they will negotiate a settlement. Labour and Liberal groups in Bradford are prepared to talk but the Conservatives are not until they know for certain that Mr Honeyford wants to leave on his own accord.

The chairman of the governors, Mr Eric Sunderland, Tory councillor, said last night: "It may be that we are making a statement today."

Acid rain fight gets boost from power board

A significant step in the Central Electricity Generating Board's research into acid rain was taken yesterday.

Lord Marshall, the board's chairman, "Switched on" a £2.5 million modification to a 58-metre high coal-fired boiler at Fiddler's Ferry power station near Widnes, Cheshire, the first of trials on the development of technology to reduce emissions from such plants.

It is expected to reduce the amount of nitrogen oxide passing into the air by up to 40 per cent.

Lord Marshall said the board was spending about £3.5 million a year on in-house research into acid rain and would contribute to research projects in the next four years.

The new modification at Fiddler's Ferry reduces the amount of oxygen available to the coal by separating the flow of coal and air into the boiler. That reduces the amount of nitrogen oxide produced.

Lord Marshall said: "By the early 1990s, we should have a pretty good idea of the practical reductions we could achieve without running into severe problems." Modifying all the board's stations would cost £250 million.

The board was seeking ways of giving financial support to a larger research programme into acid rain at British universities.

Lord Marshall said that the board was to go ahead with a £1 million ozone chemistry programme to measure the concentrations of ozone-forming chemicals, including nitrogen oxides, in the air.

Award for development on site of Beatles' club

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Liverpool's Cavern Walks development, the Old Vic theatre in Londonand three restored railway stations are among the 21 winners, announced yesterday, of this year's Civic Trust environmental awards.

Cavern Walks is a shopping and office development built above the site of the club made famous by the Beatles.

Mr Michael Middleton, director of the trust, said it showed how "inner city decay should be tackled, but seldom is".

The choice of winners from 613 entries reflects the fashion for elaborate restoration and integration of new buildings with existing structures.

The judges were enthusiastic about Mr Ed Mirvish's "triumphant" restoration of the Old Vic. They were also delighted with the re-creation of the gutted Victorian exterior of the Denmark Hill station.

The other two winning stations have been turned into museums. "High standards permeate every aspect of its use," the judges said of North Woolwich station in London. They also admired the "sensitive and unobtrusive" conversion of Liverpool Road station.

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1982	Mercury Communications consortium formed.	£89m	£850m
1983	Joint companies formed in China and Guangdong microwave system completed.	£157m	£1,280m
1984	Acquisition of majority stake in the Hong Kong Telephone Company.	£190m	£1,530m
1985	First private transatlantic fibre-optic cable planned. Mercury given go-ahead to interconnect with BT.	£245m	£2,730m

*FOR YEAR TO MARCH 31ST ††AS AT DATE OF FIRST OFFER AND EACH SUBSEQUENT NOVEMBER 4TH

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Nakasone warns Japan to alter trade policy or vanish like Carthage

Tokyo (Reuter) – Japan must change its economic ways or face possible eclipse in the future, the Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, said yesterday.

Noting huge trade surpluses that have sprung up in postwar years, he told a lunch meeting at the Japan National Press Club: "We must try to change Japan's industrial structure so it will not be harmful to others. Otherwise Japan might face the chance of disappearing from earth overnight, like Carthage.

"Can we go on living with surpluses of $30 billion (£20 billion) to $40 billion a year? It's like playing Mah-Jong – if you keep winning, nobody plays with you any more."

On the other hand, a moderate trade surplus would always be necessary for Japan's survival, Mr Nakasone said.

He said the success of central banks from five leading Western counties in forcing down the value of the dollar over the past two months demonstrated the value of concerted government action on economic objectives.

His speech ranged extensively over foreign and domestic policies. Praising the US and Soviet leaders for their role at the Geneva summit, he predicted it would bring positive results.

Mr Nakasone lavished praise on President Reagan – "Every time you meet him, you think: 'Gee, what a nice man.' When I was asked in the United States why I like Reagan I responded: 'Because I like John Wayne'."

Mr Nakasone said the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, gave every impression of being firmly in command. "I believe he will bring innovations to Marxism".

Asked if he would seek a third two-year term as Prime Minister next November, as widely predicted, Mr Nakasone said: "I am not thinking of it. In my remaining time I just want to implement as many of my policies as possible."

● **Hope for thaw:** Mr Nakasone also said there was "an important opportunity" for a breakthrough in relations between Japan and the Soviet Union on the contested northern irelands and a peace treaty (David Watts writes).

"There appears tobe an atmosphere in the Soviet Union to start dialogue with us."

Japan very much wanted to improve relations, but he warned that it could not bypass the probl-em of the islands, which the Soviet Union seized in 1945 and now refuses to give back.

"However, we are neighbours and must live with each other. When the doorbell rings we have to say hello and usher the guest into the guest room." This was an allusion to the projected visit to Japan in January by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister.

There has been a steady stream of Soviet visitors in recent weeks, dealing with issues as diverse as cultural exchange and fisheries.

Mr Nakasone was addressing the press club a day after the third anniversary of his first becoming Prime Minister, an anniversary which his supporters and opponents have carefully played down, but for markedly different reasons.

To have drawn attention to the anniversary would make it appear that he is over-anxious to get an unprecedented third term as Prime Minister. His opponents are equally unwilling to contribute to the prospects for such an extension of Mr Makasone's rule.

A break-through in relations with the Soviet Union now appear to be his dearest wish and he has already said he hopes to make a visit to the Soviet Union.

But there are plenty of rivals for the party leadership who are in a position to block Mr Nakasone's ambitions.

One of the leading contenders, Mr Noboru Takeshita, the Finance Minister, has recently made some progress in unifying the strong faction of the former Prime Minister, Mr Kakuei Tanaka, which split after the latter took ill and lost much of this formerly overwhelming influence.

Basque police firing tear gas to break up an electrical workers' demonstration in Bilbao yesterday.

Ex-emperor frets in his 16-room château

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Jean Bedel Bokassa, former self-appointed Emperor of Central Africa, yesterday accused the French Government of keeping him a "political prisoner" without the means to support himself and his large family in France. He also accused the Government of refusing to allow him to return to his country.

M Bokassa, who has been living in exile following his overthrow in 1979, said that he only had his French Army pension of 5,900 francs (£500) a month to live on and to support the wife and 14 children currently living with him in his beautiful 18th century chateau to the west of Paris. The rest of his 55 children and 20 or so other "wives" live abroad.

He had no money to pay for heating, he said, and he feared that his telephone might be cut off at any moment because he had run up a bill of more than £1,000. His water, telephone and electricity had all been cut off in the past for failure to pay his bills. He and his children fed off food sent by friends in the Central African Republic. He had written to President Mitterrand to inform him of his plight, yet he had received no help, he said.

Although it was fairly cool yesterday inside Mr Bokassa's 16-room chateau at Hardricourt, one of four houses he owns in France, everything looked remarkably luxurious and well-cared for.

The ornate salon where he held his press conference was stuffed with gilt and red plush furniture and portraits of Napoleon, Marie Antoinette, and himself.

Bishops get down to specifics at synod

From Peter Nichols
Rome

The Vatican's special synod of bishops, now almost at its half-way point, moves on today from the series of set speeches in plenary meetings and breaks up into working groups for the more constructive aspects of its work.

Cardinal Basil Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, among others, will find the less formal atmosphere of the language groups more appropriate to his own attitude towards the synod's task, assigned to it by the Pope, of reviewing the way in which the teachings of the Second Vatican Council have been applied in the Roman Catholic Church since the council ended 20 years ago.

Cardinal Hume's own speech on Wednesday night offered *little more than a sketch of his* thinking on the fundamental questions of relations between the Pope and the bishops and progress in Christian unity.

It was overshadowed in terms as immediate interest by the forthright and practical plea against reducing Rome's ecumenical efforts put by Cardinal Tomas OFiaich, Archbishop of Armagh.

He appealed for increased status to be accorded the Vatican's secretariat on Christian unity, rather than having its importance reduced in accordance with draft proposals for reforming the whole of the central administration.

Falklands debate

Britain seen to have overplayed hand

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Britain grossly miscalculated the mood and attitude of the United Nations General Assembly, and its tactics in the Falklands debate and the lobbying behind the scenes combined to give Argentina not just one qualified win but two resounding victories, according to many UN diplomats.

They quietly expressed the view that the British argument for their amendments reaffirming self-determination as a sacred principle of the UN charter underestimated the intelligence of assembly members. British diplomats thought that many former colonies would be unable to vote against self-determination simply because it was through that principle that they had won their freedom.

But it was felt that self-determination did not apply in the Falklands case. Publicly most countries who either voted against the amendments or abstained said they did so because Britain was doing what it had accused Argentina of doing in years past when it had focused on the sovereignty dispute: trying to pre-ordain the outcome of Falklands negotiations.

Britain's European partners privately accused it of employing heavy-handed tactics to prevent the break-up of European solidarity, and by and large found unconvincing the British arguments against the Argentine-inspired resolution calling for a far-reaching Anglo-Argentine dialogue

Many thought there was no reason why Britain should not have abstained on a resolution that took into account many of its arguments.

Diplomats also said Mrs Margaret Thatcher's negotiating tactics at the Commonwealth summit in Nassau on economic sanctions against South Africa did not put Britain in a position to seek favours from the assembly.

Buenos Aires jubilant over UN support

From Douglas Tweedale, Buenos Aires

News of the 107 to four United Nations vote in favour of the resolution on the Falklands dispute was greeted jubilantly in Buenos Aires as a important, though somewhat unexpected, diplomatic victory.

Senior Adolfo Gass, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, and one of several Argentine Congressmen who will be visiting London in January, said: I never expected we would get 107 votes in favour."

Argentine newspapers gave the vote banner headlines, calling it "an overwhelming victory for Argentina" and announcing "Argentina wins easily at the UN". Although the UN resolution was drafted formally and presented by a group of friendly nations, the best-selling daily *Clarin* ran a headline reading "Broad support for the Argentine project at the UN".

The Conservative *La Nación* said the vote "showed how (Britain's) extreme intransigence can end up alienating even the closest allies".

The Foreign Minister, Señor Dante Caputo, speaking to reports in New York, said the defeat of two British amendments to the resolution "means that the UN General Assembly has ruled that the issue of self-determination (for the islanders) is not a pre-condition for beginning talks.

For Señor Caputo, the vote will prove to be an important domestic political victory as well. He had been criticized by nationalists for allowing explicit mention of the word "sovereignty" to be omitted

Syria's 'prefab' advance has Israel worried

From Ian Murray, Mansurah, Golan Heights

A row of brand new houses marches along the brand new village street towards the border. They are flat-roofed and square, direct architectural descendents of the British postwar prefab. In this wild moor landscape they look peaceful enough but from the Isreli-administered Golan Heights they look suspiciously like a new secret weapon.

The new village of Mudiriye, near here, is one of a chain of similar ones which have been going up very recently in the uneasy area along the north-eastern border with Syria.

It is within sight of the ruins of El Kuneitra, which has been left as a wrecked, ghost town monument of the 1974 ceasefire line. Only a flapping pale blue UN flag, hoisted on the tower by the ruined church in the centre by the bored men of UNDOF (United Nations Disengagement Observer Force) shows any sign of life.

The UN men patrol barbed wire entanglements along either side of what is meant to be a demilitarized zone bwtween the two countries. They have a bleak outlook from their sentry boxes of ruins and fields and the brooding presence of the Israeli rader scanners high up on Har Avital, from where Damascus can plainly be seen on a clear day.

Now they have the construction of the new prefabs to watch. There are five villages in a chain a few miles apart stretching from Ahmadiya, just to the north of a new industrialized El Kuneitra built a mile or so in from the border, and leading down to Al Asbah. The Syrian press has recently reported on the reconstruction, saying: "Building is the beginning of the liberation."

None of the villages is more than half an hour's walk from the border. The one at Mudiriye is only a few metres away. In Israel the suspicion is growing that they are to be settled by trained commando units under the very noses of Undof, ready to lead an attack into the Golan Heights.

The Israeli Defence Force has been carefully monitoring the building.

Politically, Israel continues to say it is prepared for direct talks with Syria. Settlers from the Golan Heights say angrily that Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, despite his denials, is prepared to hand back at least some of their land to Syria in exchange for peace

But the army believes that Syria is only interested in building up military parity with Israel so it can win back by force what it has not been able to obtain by diplomacy.

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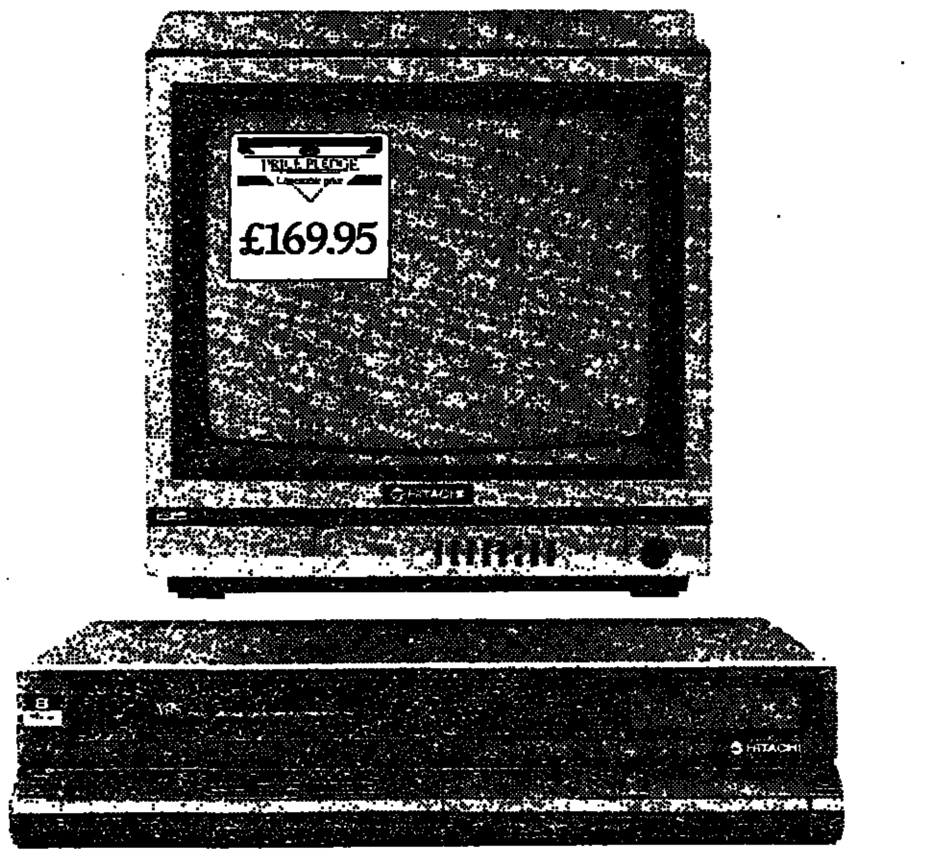

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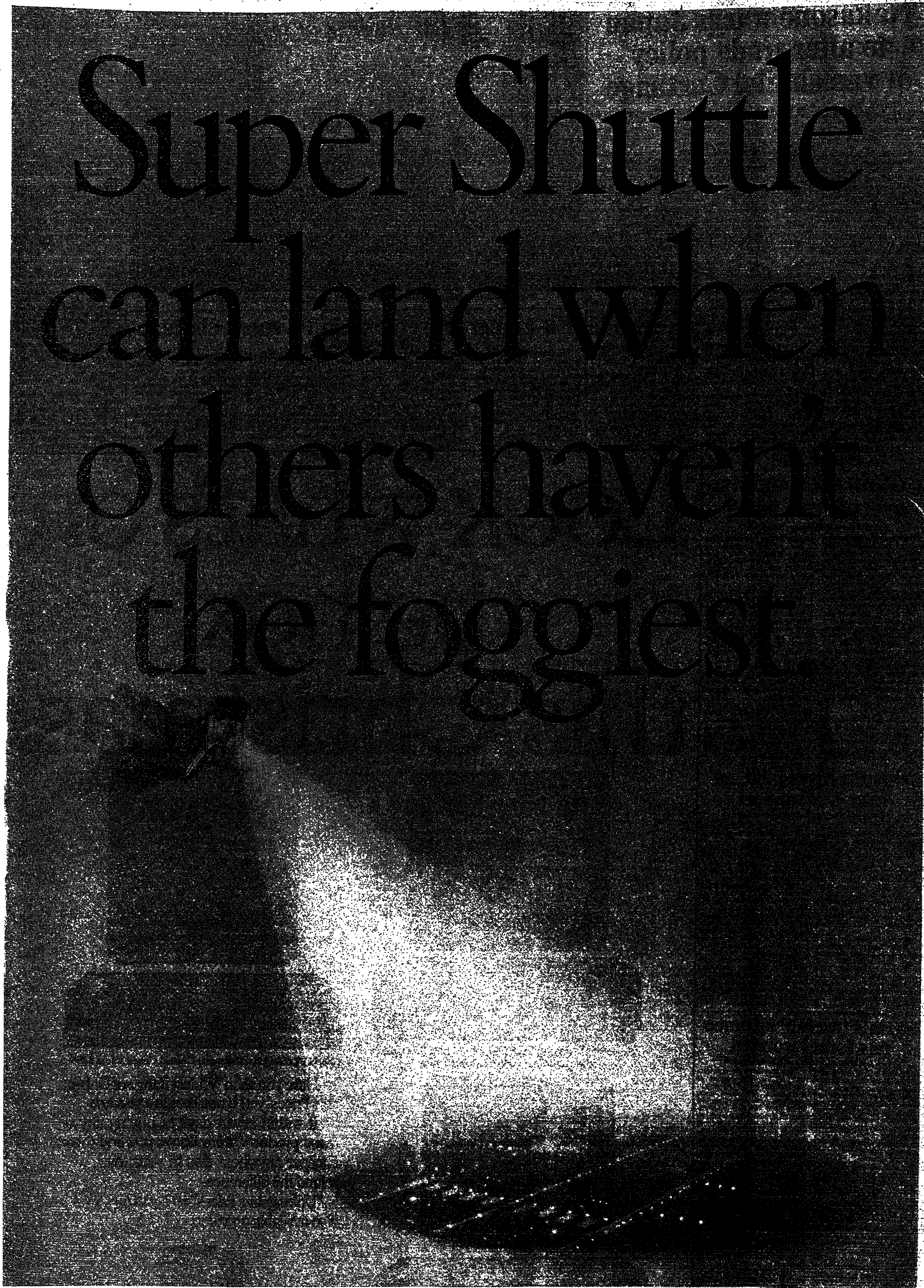

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NZ may conduct marine inquiry to reveal secrets of Rainbow sinking

From Richard Long, Wellington

The New Zealand Government is considering ordering a marine court of inquiry into the sinking of the Greenpeace protest ship Rainbow Warrior, which would publish evidence of the activities of French secret service agents not produced at the recent trial.

When Dominique Prieur and Alain Mafart pleaded guilty to charges of manslaughter, apparently at the request of the French Government, the evidence, which would have been embarrassing to Paris and the secret service, the DGSE, was not produced.

But in a marine inquiry, details of the activities not only of Prieur and Mafart, but also of other agents in New Zealand, could become public.

The Government is understood to be awaiting an opinion from the Solicitor-General, Mr Paul Neazor, on whether such an inquiry could and should be set up under the Shipping and Seamen's Act. Such inquiries are normally conducted to establish the cause of mishaps on vessels.

While there has been no official government comment on the inquiry prospects, the move is being read in Wellington as one way of encouraging the French to resume talks on reparation for the Rainbow Warrior bombing.

The talks, being held in New York, were suspended by New Zealand's Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, during the trial and sentencing of the French agents.

No official figure has been placed on what Wellington was seeking as compensation for the raising of the Rainbow Warrior, the police inquiry, and the intrusion on sovereignty, but the sum being mentioned speculatively in New Zealand newspapers is the equivalent of £8 million.

It had been expected that the talks would resume after December 6, when the appeal period for the 10-year jail sentences against Mafart and Prieur had expired.

But their lawyer has announced that there will be no appeal against the sentences.

New Zealand officials appear to believe that the French government will be in no hurry to resume the compensation talks. Mr Lange's statement that the agents would not be released during the life of his Government is understood to have troubled the French, especially after their statements that they were likely to be released.

Initially Mr Lange's Government was advised by the Superintendent of Marine in Auckland that there was no need for a court of inquiry into the circumstances of the death during the bombing of the Rainbow Warrior crew member Fernando Pereira.

It was considered then that the circumstances of his death would emerge at the trial. The guilty pleas ended the trial without this happening, and the marine inquiry is being considered as a result.

Under the Act the Minister of Transport can appoint a court of inquiry when there has been a casualty on board a ship in New Zealand waters. The court would have the wide powers of a district court.

Waite back in Britain tired but still hopeful

Mr Terry Waite flew back to Britain yesterday, exhausted but still optimistic that a solution could be found to the problem of four American hostages held by Muslim extremists in Lebanon.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy said at Heathrow: "I just want some sleep and to see my family."

He expects to be in Britain for three or four days before going back to Beirut for more talks with the kidnappers.

In the meantime he hopes to be in touch with the Kuwaiti authorities, who he believes may be able to help in freeing the four Americans. The kidnappers are demanding the release of prisoners in Kuwait.

Mr Waite said that he accepted that neither the US nor the Kuwaitis were prepared to do any deals with the kidnappers, and added: "I am no dealer." But there were things he would like to say to the Kuwaitis that would not undermine their system of justice.

"If people become impatient and try something clever, like trying to locate where the hostages are and spring them, it will be disastrous and they will be killed, there is no question," Mr Waite said.

"We have a thread: it is OK at the moment and is holding. I feel at the moment that I am the only person holding that thread, and naturally I feel the weight of responsibility for lives which rest on my shoulders."

Mr Pollard leaving court after his appearance on espionage charges

Bail refused for US spy suspects

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Three Americans arrested for espionage in the past week were all refused bail in separate hearings on Wednesday, and spent the Thanksgiving holiday yesterday in prison.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has said the three have admitted passing secrets to the Soviet Union, China and Israel.

Magistrates denied bail to Mr Ronald Pelton, the former National Security Agency communications specialist.

Bail was also denied to Larry Wu-Tai Chin, a retired Central Intelligence Agency employee who claimed his health was being jeopardized by being kept in jail.

And Jonathan Pollard, who confessed to selling Israel classified documents detailing US weapons systems and military strength, was also ordered to remain in prison.

Republicans devise strategy to save extradition treaty

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Republican strategists in Congress are set to take the fight to save the beleaguered British-American extradition treaty direct to the floor of the Senate. The survival of the pact, designed primarily to stop Irish terrorists from taking refuge in America, hangs in the balance.

Democrat members of the Senate foreign relations committee have demanded yet another committee hearing – there have been three since August – in a tactic that seems designed to trap the treaty in the overcrowded legislative agenda.

But Senate Republicans are resisting the demand, partly because of fear that another hearing would inflame emotions over Ireland at an acutely sensitive time in Anglo-Irish progress towards a political solution in Ulster. Democrat leaders say they want the hearing to focus on the Ulster judicial system.

That would probably make the Ulster Unionists more upset at a time when they feel the British Government is about to sell them out, a congressional source said. "We don't want to barge in at a time like this."

Eight of the nine Republican senators on the foreign relations committee have privately pledged support for the treaty, which would allow the extradition of Irish fugitives sought by British authorities. Senator Jesse Helms, a right-winger from North Carolina, has not finally committed his vote.

All eight Democrat members of the committee oppose the treaty, arguing that "political" offenders should not be extradited. Four have strong Irish-American connections: Thomas Eagleton of Missouri, Joseph Biden of Delaware, John Kerry of Massachusetts, and Christopher Dodd of Connecticut.

A committee vote would divide along party lines, setting the precedent for a similar party-line vote in the full Senate. Republican strategists hope that by going straight to the Senate floor they might be able to do deals with enough Democrats to get the necessary two-thirds majority.

The committee hearings into the treaty, held in August, September and October, involved 20 witnesses and were described by the Republican leadership as the most intensive examination of any extradition treaty in modern times.

A senior congressional source said some "fig-leaf compromises" on the treaty might be enough to ensure the support of some Democrats who do not rely heavily on the Irish-American vote. There are all sorts of little language changes we could introduce without damaging the treaty."

He thought the issue might reach the Senate floor before the Christmas break, but more likely at the beginning of next year.

The treaty has been approved by the House of Commons and the Dail.

French vote in UN linked to fate of jailed agents

Paris – France might have been prepared to support Britain against Argentina in this week's United Nations vote on the Falklands if Britain had been willing to intervene with the New Zealand Government to help to secure the release of the French agents jailed in connestion with the Greenpeace affair, *Le Monde* has suggested in a front-page article (Diana Geddes writes).

Although the article quoted no official sources, it is clear that M Jacques Amalric, the papers respected chief diplomatic correspondent, well briefed as to the range of possible options being considered by the French Government in an attempt to secure the release of its two secret agents, recently sentenced in New Zealand to 10 years' imprisonment for manslaughter in connection with the sinking of the Greenpeace ship, the Rainbow Warrior.

The French are horrified by the recent comments by Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, indicating that there was no chance that the agents would be released within the lifetime of his government.

But *Le Monde* suggested, there remained the possibility of discreet intervention by a friendly third country, such as the United States of Britain. However Mrs Thatcher was thought unlikely to intervene.

Mr Nothomb: chosen again for Cabinet

Heysel riot minister stays in job

From Richard Owen
Brussels

Dr Wilfried Martens, the Belgian Prime Minister, formed his sixth Government yesterday, making changes in defence and economic portfolios.

But the controversial Mr Charles-Ferdinand Nothomb stays as Interior Minister despite persisted calls for his resignation after last May's Heysel football stadium disaster.

Another controversial figure in the last Martens administration, Mr Jean Gol, remains Minister of Justice. Mr Gol, a noted right-winger, has been much criticized recently for the failute of the Belgian police and security services to track down a group of mysterious terrorists called the CCC, or Communist Fighting Cells, who have caused more than 20 explosions

The new Defence Minister is Mr François-Xavier de Donnéa, the former Minister of Development Co-operation. But the most intriguing pointer to the future is the appointment of Mr Guy Verhofstadt as Budget Minister and deputy Prime Minister at the age of only 32.

Crackdown on Greek tax evaders

From Mario Modiano
Athens

The Greek Government, bowing to terms agreed with the European Community, has produced an austerity budget for 1986 that seeks to offset deficits, not by borrowing but by increasing tax revenues and cutting public spending.

The foreign debt has doubled to the equivalent of more than £10 billion in the four years of Socialist rule a nd an ticipated £2 billion external deficit this year set off the alarm. The Community decided to help with loans of 1,750 million European Currency Units, provided the foreign debt was re-financed but not increased.

The new budget, which anticipates a one-third increase in the tax yield and a 39 per cent reduction in the deficit of public enterprises, has been called unrealistic by government critics. New Democracy, the main right-wing opposition party, called it a fraud.

Mr Dimitris Tsovolas, the Finance Minister, believes he can squeeze the additional revenue out of tax evaders, who will now face jail if they do not pay up.

The minister has pointed out that two-thirds of the country's doctors, for instance, declared an average income of £1,350 a year, and two-thirds of the lawyers claimed they earned less than £1,800. The average annual income for salaried people and pensioners in Greece is more than £3,000.

The budget seems to respond to the community's conditions that inflation should be continued to between 15 and 16 per cent, compared with this year's official rate of 23.5 per cent. The budget supplements last month's official rate of 23.5 per cent. The budget supplements last month's austerity package, which included a 15 per cent devaluation.

Dhaka rally ban defied

Dhaka – Twenty-two opposition parties in Bangladesh held noisy street rallies in Dhaka yesterday defying a military ban on open political activities and called for a 24-hour industrial and transport strike next Monday to press for democratic rights after nearly four years of army rule (Ahmed Fazl writes).

The Awami League led a 15-party alliance which held its rally in central Dhaka and also annouced processions and public meetings would be held in the capital on December 16 when Bangladesh celebrates its independence from Pakistan.

Hundreds of riot police were deployed in the city centre where two of the large rallies took place, but the authorities did not intervene as busloads of political workers joined the rallies from outside the capital.

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Sikh witnesses in Gandhi assassination hearing tell of threats by police

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Two Sikh businessmen, who were to have given evidence for the prosecution in the trial for conspiracy to assassinate the former Indian prime minister Mrs Indira Gandhi, made a dramatic appearance yesterday as witnesses for the defence.

They claimed that statements they had given earlier, which implicated two of the accused, Mr Balbir Singh and Mr Kehar Singh, wre extracted from them under duress. One man claimed he had been threatened with torture. The other said he had been physically beaten while in police detention.

Mr Gurbux Singh said that he had not known Mr Balbir Singh or Mr Kehar Singh before he himself was arrested last November. But he said that police insisted he make a statement implicating them.

"I was told by them that, if I made such a statement, I would not be tortured and my detention would be revoked," he told Mr R. P. Grover, counsel for Balbir and Kehar Singh.

He denied a suggestion that he had met Balbir Singh in a Delhi Sikh temple. He denied that Mr Balbir Singh had told him that if he was given 15 or 16 lakhs of rupees (about £100,000) and dynamite or a hand grenade, and if his family were sent to America, he could kill Mrs Gandhi himself.

Mr Virinder Singh likewise denied that he had met Balbir Singh in the temple. He said he had been beaten while in custody and that the police used to insist that he make a statement implicating the two accused. He said that they used to tell him "if I do not implicate them I would be involved in the case".

The prosecution has tried to show that Balbir Singh, who was a police inspector at the time, had been so infuriated by the army assault on the Golden Temple of Amritsar that he had put together the plot with assassins Satwant Singh and Beant Singh to kill Mrs Gandhi. Mr Kehar Singh, an uncle of Mr Beant Singh who was killed by the prime minister's security guards after shooting her, is also accused of being part of the plot.

Sudan expels refugee agencies

Khartoum (Reuter) – Sudan has ordered the expulsion of three refugee resettlemment agencies implicated in the smuggling of Ethiopian Jews (Falashas) from Sudan to Israel from 1981 to 1984, official sources said yesterday.

They are the Geneva-based Intergovernmental Committee on Migration (ICM), the US-based Joint Voluntary Agency (JVA), and International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC).

Sudan suspended the activities of ICM and all refugee resettlement through the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Khartoum 10 days ago pending a review.

ICM is the main agency co-ordinating resettlement of Ethiopian and Eritrean refugees' in North America and Europe.

Security service documents read to a Khartoum court said authorities suspected members of the three resettlement agencies and the UNHCR of smuggling the Falashas out of refugee camps in eastern Sudan.

The court is trying former Vice-President Omar el-Tayeb on treason charges arising from his alleged role in a later evacuation of more than 6,000 Falashas to Israel.

● SYDNEY: Australia is expected to announce this weekend that it will donate Hercules transport aircraft held in storage to assist famine relief operations in Africa, as a result of a request by Bob Geldof, the Live Aid organizer (Stephen Taylor writes).

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, and Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, his Japanese counterpart, with their wives at a ceremony in Tokyo yesterday to mark the first visit in 16 years by an Indian Prime Minister.

Singapore attacks British lecturers for 'critical' views

From Paul Routledge, Singapore

Two British academics at the National University of Singapore have been publicly carpeted by the Government for airing "critical and negative views" about the city-state's social development.

Mr Chris Leggett, aged 45, and Dr Barry Wilkinson, aged 29, lectures at the School of Management, were accused of writing "distortions, half-truths and outright inaccuracies" in an unprecedented rebuke delivered by Mr Lim Boon Heng, MP of thr ruling People's Action Party and Assistant Secretary of the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC).

Now there are fears that their contracts, due for renewal soon, will not be renewed and they will be compelled to leave Singapore for contributing an article entitled "The Management of Compliance," the DParis-based *Euro-Asia Business Review.*

In a statement to *The Times* last night, the authors denied the charges made against them, adding: "The further imputation that we present distorted views to students and only our views is pernicious and absolutely untrue."

Their clash with authority is rapidly becoming a political and academic controversy. There are many expatriate dons at the university's Kent Ridge campus, and some privately voiced strong support yesterday for the two Britons. Singaporean lecturers were more inclined to advise them to "keep quiet".

Copies of the offending article, which was published five months ago and came to the notice of the NTUC officials only by accident, are now much in demand.

The Wilkinson-Leggett paper, a long and scholarly work, argues that in Singapore, "both human relations in general and industrial relations in particular are being remoulded to achieve a co-operative and production-oriented population and workforce".

The NTUC, which has a close "symbiotic" relationship with the strikes, which the authors said were (legally) "virtually impossible without the tacit consent of the Government under labour laws introduced since 1968.

Mr Lim Boon Heng, insisted that there had been strikes until 1977, and told the closing ceremony of the Singapore Polytechnic productivity month that the authors were entitled to their opinions. "But I take exception when those views are supported by half-truths, distortions and inaccuracies and couched in emotive terms."

Speaking later to local journalists, he denied that his comments would deter other NUS lecturers -from - speaking their minds. It would merely make them more mindful of their facts. "If you speak out, you don't put half-truths together to form an opinion," he said.

Liberals set to take back power in Quebec

From John Best
Ottawa

An era may be about to end in Quebec. Unless all the opinion polls are wrong, the Parti Québecois (PQ) Government of the predominantly French-speaking province of 6 million will go down to defeat in next Monday's provincial general election.

The polls have consistently shown the PQ running six to nine percentage points behind the born-again Liberals, the party that the PQ humiliated in an election nine years ago when it took office with a programm that included Quebec's separation from Canada.

Most political observers have been hedging their bets because of margins or error acknowledged by the pollsters. Nevertheless, the Liberals clearly have the upper hand as the six-week campaign goes into its final days.

What makes the outcome particularly difficult to predict is a curious cross mixture of voter preferences for the parties and their leaders. Opinion surveys show the Liberal leader, Mr Robert Bourassa, running behind his party in popularity and the PQ leader, Premier Pierre-Marc Johnson, running ahead of his. Mr Bourassa has a fight on his hands to gain re-election in his Montreal-area constituency of Bertrand.

The last year has been a tempestuous time for the PQ. Last November Mr René Lévesque, then the Premier, announced that the goal of Quebec independence would be removed from the party manifesto. The decision, confirmed at a special party convention at Montreal in January prompted a large number of hard-line PQ members of the legislature, including Cabinet ministers, to resign their seats, or sit as independents, in protest.

Mr Johnson, one of the architects of the new policy, inherited a deeply divided party when he was elected late in September to take over from the embattled Mr Lévesque who had decided to step down after leading the PQ for 17 years.

Mr Bourassa, as grey and stolid as Mr Johnson is vivid and charimatic, is trying to regain the premiership he lost when the PQ first swept into office in 1976. Mr Bourassa resigned as Liberal leader after that election but was re-elected to the leadership two years ago.

The issues in the campaign have been heavily business-oriented with both the PQ and Liberals offering programmes calculated to appeal to Quebec's rising commercial class.

The standings in the 122-seat legislature at dissolution: PQ 61, Liberals 53, Independent 6, Vacant 2.

Petition in Aquino case fails

Manila (AP) – The Philippines Supreme Court yesterday cleared the way for a lower court to announce its verdict in the trial of 26 people accused in the assassination of the opposition leader Benigno Aquino.

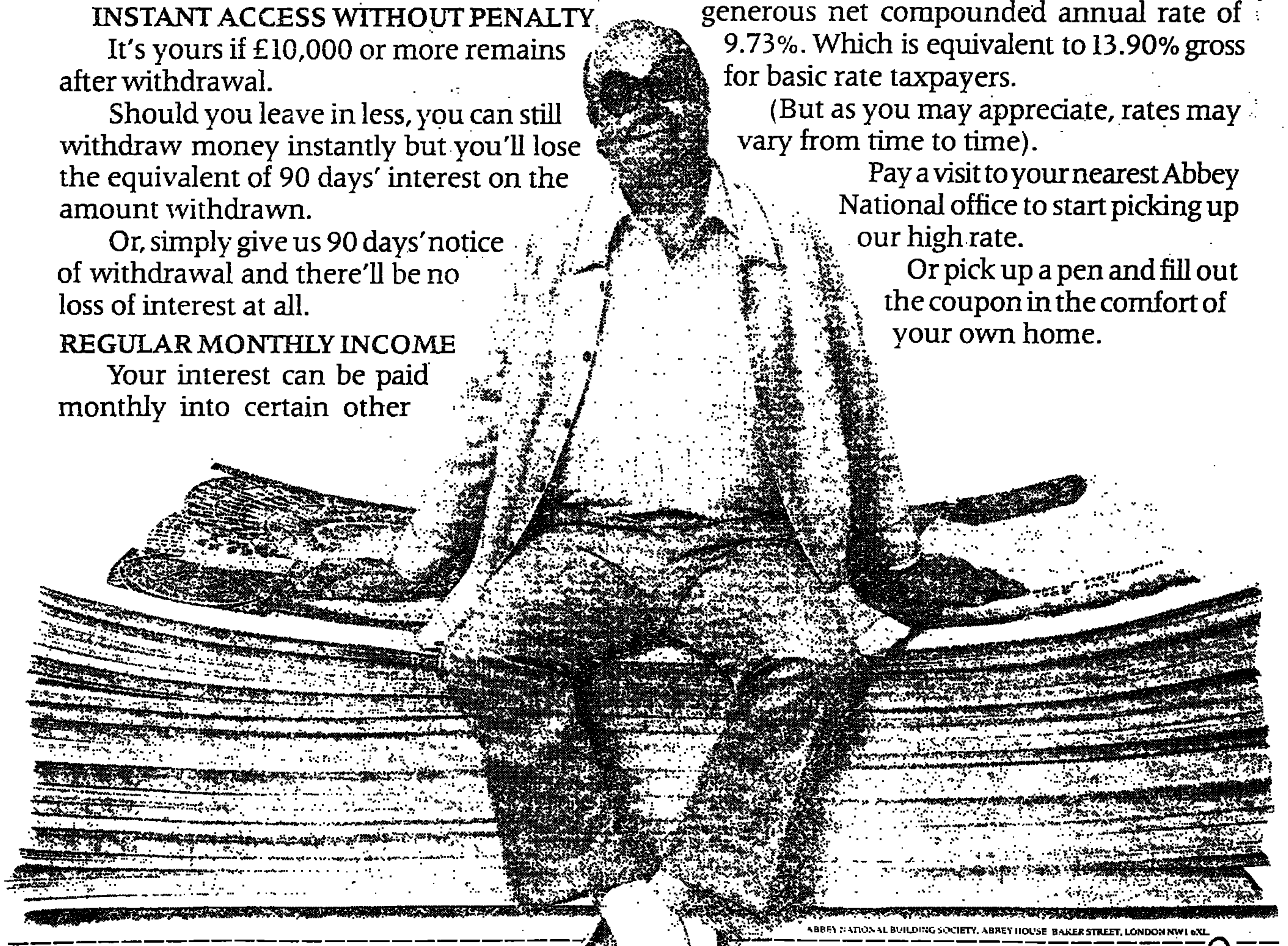
The court voted 9 to 2 to throw out a petition filed last week that sought to have a mistrial declared.

Chief Justice Ramon Aquino, who is not related to Benigno Aquino, called the petition "utterly devoid of any legal bases whatwoever".

One of the dissenting judges, Justice Vicente Abad Santos, said: "Its precipitate dismissal truly amazes me".

Justice Augusto Amores of the court that tried the armed forces chief, General Fabian Ver, and 25 others on charges of murdering Aquino said the three-judge panel would meet today to decide when to release its verdict.

It had set announcement of the verdict for November 20, but the Supreme Court issued a temporary restraining order.



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Fresh trial ordered for Australian judge

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

The conviction and 18-month jail sentence on Mr Justice Lionel Murphy, the third highest judicial officer in Australia, were quashed yesterday by the New South Wales Court of Appeal, and a new trial ordered on the charge that he attempted to pervert the course of justice.

Mr Justice Murphy, a High Court judge and former Federal Attorney-General, refused to resign from the Bench during the proceedings against him. He was the first Australian judge to be convicted of a criminal offence.

When he arrived at the court yesterday he faced the prospect of having his 21-point appeal dismissed, and being taken to Sydney's Long Bay prison.

He was convicted in July of attempting to influence criminal proceedings against Mr Morgan Ryan, a Sydney solicitor and personal friend. He was acquitted on a second charge.

Although Mr Justice Murphy's appeal against conviction was allowed, the appeal court declined to acquit him outright. The Bench believed he had a case to answer. "it was open for a jury to find guilt based on Crown evidence"the judgement said.

The court allowed four of the 21 grounds cited by the defence and said two of them warranted a new trial. The trial judge had erred, the Bench said, in ruling that the jury could not use evidence of good character in assessing Mr Justice Murphy's credibility. He had thus been "denied" the full benefit of the powerful case of good character made on his behalf".

Summing up, the Bench said: "Proper regard for the rights of accused persons requires that the present conviction be set aside as 'Mr Justice Murphy) may have been deprived of a chance of acquittal fairly open to him.

"We do not assent, however, to the submission that justice demands he now be acquitted without further trial."

A new trial may begin early next year.

Brazil poor helped in 1986 budget

From Sue Branford
São Paulo

Brazil's 1986 budget, an ingenious attempt to alleviate the country's serious social problems, particularly malnutrition in the cities, while at the same time reducing the public deficit, was unveiled yesterday.

Speaking to the nation on the radio, President Sarney announced three specific measures: the free distribution each day of one litre of milk to all children from families with an income of less than £20 a week; the extension of the school meal system to children of nursery age; and the provision of free medicines to needy families.

To finance these programmes and to reduce somewhat the public deficit, the Government has reduced the tax benefits of the country's 3,800 largest corporations and increased the rate of income tax of individuals earning more than £300 a week. Taxes on the lucrative money market have also been increased.

LA creates haven for illegal aliens

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

Los Angeles has become the first leading city in the United States to declare itself a sanctuary for illegal aliens seeking political refuge.

The sanctuary resolution, which is largely symbolic because it directs city employees not to be concerned with the immigration status of people they serve, was passed by an eight to six council vote after three hours of fiery debate on Wednesday.

The issue has become a hot potato in California after charges by the US Immigration Department which claimed that sanctuary supporters were allies of "Marxist-Leninist regimes".

The sanctuary movement has been interested in affording political refuge status to aliens from El Salvador and Guatemala.

Last week the newly formed city of West Hollywood passed a similar sanctuary resolution ordering city workers not to cooperate with immigration agents.

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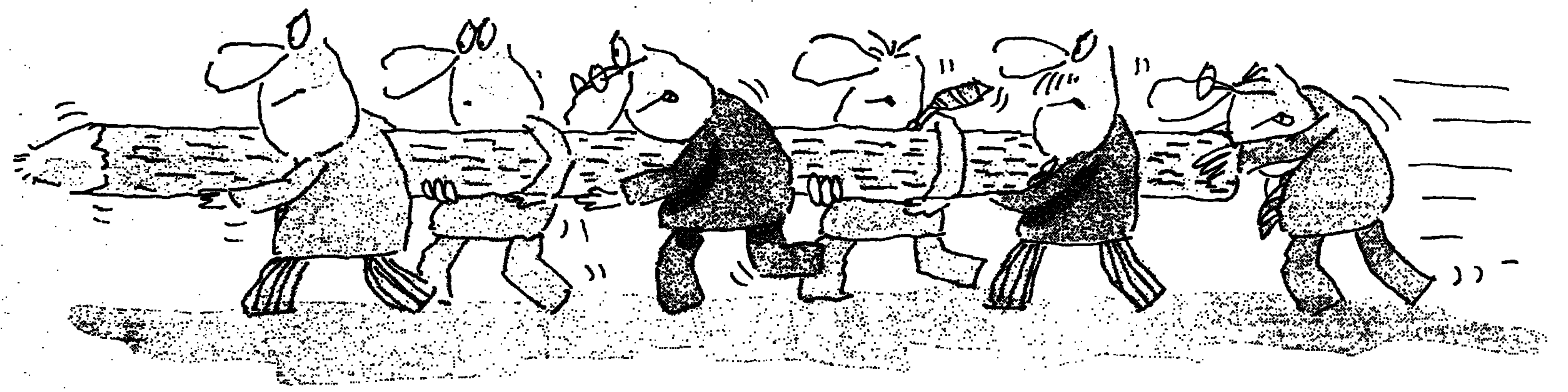

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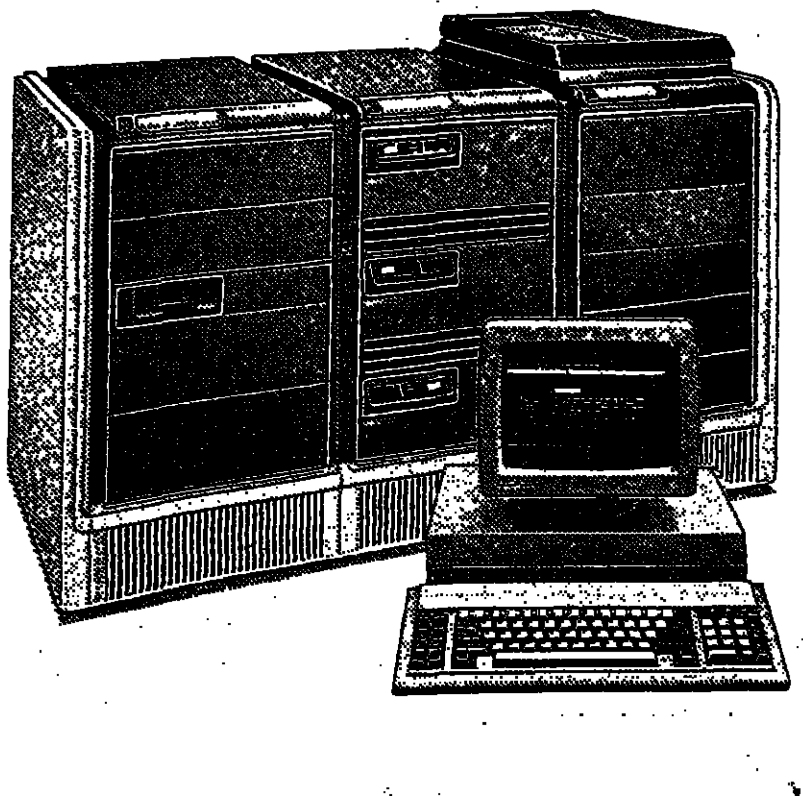

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Socialist rigour helps put economy of France back on course

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Not since the Socialists came to power four and a half years ago has the French economy looked so rosy. The annual rate of inflation is under 5 per cent for the first time in more than a decade, unemployment has stabilized, investment is rising, the French franc is stable on the foreign exchanges and consumer spending is picking up.

The improvement is due in part to the general recovery of the world economy, the fall in the dollar and the worldwide fall in interest rartes. But credit is also due to the tough policy of economic rigour introduced by the Socialists in June, 1982, after a disastrous – from the economic point of view – 18 months of over-rapid and badly-timed reflation.

Prices in October rose by 0.3 per cent, bringing the annual rate of inflation for the first 10 months of this year to 4.3 per cent, making it highly probable that the Government will more than achieve its target of a 5 per cent inflation rate by the end of the year. That compares with an inflation rate of 6.7 per cent last year, and 14 per cent when the Socialists first came to power in 1981.

One of the Socialists' greatest achievements on the economic front is to have broken the system of the automatic indexation of wages to price increases, with the result that, for the first time in a long time, the fall in wages has been bringing down prices rather than vice versa. This year's 4.5 per cent government wage guideline has been widely adhered to, and with very little industrial unrest.

However, there is widespread concern as to what will happen if the right returns to power next March, as expected, and goes ahead with its plans to abolish all price controls within its first three months in government.

Although the Socialists have been gradually relaxing the price controls they introduced in 1982, 20 per cent of industrial prices and all service prices are still under direct government control. Under present government plans they are not supposed to rise by more than 1.5 per cent next year. Too sudden a relaxation of the remaining price controls could refuel inflation and cause industrial unrest, it is feared.

The French Socialists appear to have proved that it is possible to bring inflation down without causing a rise in unemployment. The numbers out of work have remained more or less stable this year at around 2.4 million. Indeed, the last figures show a slight fall over the past 12 months.

This is in large part due to the social measures introduced by the Socialists to combat unemployment, such as community work schemes for the young unemployed and retraining schemes for those made redundant. But a modest economic recovery is also beginning to have a beneficial effect, particularly in previously declining areas such as building

Indian viewers may meet the 'Street'

Delhi – India may buy the TV serial *Coronation Street*, raising the delightful picture of people of the sub-continent, with their chappatis and lentils on their laps, watching the goings on of a Mancunian community each night

The head of Granada television, Sir Denis Foreman, made this suggestion in an informal meeting with the Indian press before flying back to Britain to attend the silver jubilee celebrations of the *Street*. He said that India may also see episodes from *End of Empire*

In return Britain may well see an Indian soap opera, *Hum Log*, or *Us*, on Channel Four. *Hum Log*, in Hindi, shows the trials and tributions of a middle-class Indian family.

State puts blame for Bhopal leak on company

Delhi (AP) – Indian authorities, in their first court statement on the Bhopal gas disaster, told a judicial inquiry commission yesterday that Union Carbide constructed an inferior plant and was responsible for the gas leak that killed more than 2,000 people.

The Madhya Praresh State Government also said in a court document that the US-based corporation was responsible for *a series of safety lapses* at the pesticide plant where deadly methylisocyanate leaked on December 3 last year.

The Statement was the first by the state government, or any Indian official, to be filed with the inquiry commission of Justice N. K. Singh.

The statement said that Union Carbide's pesticide plant was substandard in design and constructed in Bhopal with full knowledge that methylisocyanate *was a highly dangerous* chemical.

The statement came after a claim by the Union Carbide chairman, Mr Warren Anderson, that radical Sikhs apparently sabotaged the plant

The Indian statement said the plant was designed in the United States and that Indian inspectors could not be held responsible for the leak.

Justice Singh ordered Indian authorities, Union Carbide and other parties to file lists of documents and witnesses in the next two days. He said the commission would convene again on Friday.

Nicola Myers and Kenneth McBride, the British teenagers murdered in Hong Kong.

Five held over Hong Kong murders

Hong Kong (Reuter) – Two men were charged yesterday with the murder of two British teenagers and three others were arrested in connection with the case after one of the biggest manhunts in Hong Kong, a police spokesman said.

He said the two men would appear in court today when the other three would be charged. The five men, aged between 16 and 25, were believed to be members of a gang, the spokesman said.

The battered bodies of Nicola Myers, aged 18, and Kenneth McBride, aged 17, were found on a remote hillside in April. Nicola Myers had been raped and died of head injuries. Kenneth McBride had been strangled.

● **PEKING:** In a Thanksgiving gesture, China yesterday freed an American who was jailed for starting a fire which killed 10 people, US official said.

Richard Ondrik, aged 34, was sentenced to 18 months in prison last September on charges of starting a fire in his room at the Swan hotel in the northeast city of Harbin.

Skirmishes leave 41 Tamils dead

Colombo – Forty-one Tamil separatist guerrillas were killed in different incidents by Sri Lanka's armed forces, according to a spokesman for the Ministry of National Security (Vijitha Yapa writes).

At Sampur and Kattaparichan in the Eastern Province, 16 Tamils were killed during skirmishes and another 24 who fought with security forces were killed at Mandur when they tried to flee by sea in three boats.

In Jaffna in the Northern Province, one Tamil was killed when a sentry at the Jaffna camp opened fire on guerrillas outside the camp, security sources said.

Air controllers' protest ends

Athens (AP) – Greek airports returned to normal operation yesterday following a decision by the air traffic controllers to call off their hunger strike. A spokesman for the controllers' union said they decided to resume work after the Government agreed to negotiate on their demands.

The controllers, who were drafted into the armed forces six months ago, went on hunger strike on Monday in an attempt to retain fringe benefits and improve their working conditions.

Police captain jailed in Poland

Warsaw (AP) A Polish court in the northern city of Slupsk has convicted two security policemen of aiding the Solidarity underground, an opposition source said.

Captain Adam Hodysz, 47, was sentenced to three years in prison and fined 120,000 zlotys (£500), and Sergeant Piotr *Siedlinski, 33* received an 18-month jail sentence and a 100,000 zloty fine. Siedlinks was released because he had served two-thirds of his term in pre-trial arrest.

Guerrilla arson

San Salvador (AP) – Left-wing guerrillas walked into the eastern town of Yayantique in El Salvador at noon on Wednesday and burnt the town hall and telephone office, the Army press office reported. The attack was similar to one in March when the town hall was badly damaged.

Barbie date

Lyons (AP) – The trial of Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie will open here on February 3, if the last legal hurdle is overcome, judicial sources say. The key date is December 17, when a Paris appeals court *is due to* rule on efforts to have the prosecution case include crimes against Resistance workers.

Forests dying

Bern (AP) – More than one-third of Switzerland's trees are sick or dying from pollution, which is up slightly from a year ago, said a government study released yesterday. Most of this pollution is being generated within the country by cars, industry and heating.

Chile release

Santiago (AP) – Three Chilean dissident leaders, including the union chief Rodolfo Seguel, were ordered released after being in jail for two months on charges related to protests against the military regime of President Pinochet.

Commentary

Geoffrey Smith

A dramatic change seems to have come over the European Community between the conclusion of the Milan summit at the end of June and the one that is due to open in Luxembourg on Monday. Last time, Britain, Denmark and Greece were a lonely minority resisting institutional changes in the Community's procedures. Now they are among the majority wishing to concentrate on minimalist reforms.

The critical shift has been in the position of France and West Germany. They got together last month and the French have circulated a modest draft that is supported by the Germans. The British and Danes have not given it active backing, but appear to be quietly happy about this kind of approach, for obvious reasons.

What is proposed is an Act of European Union with two elements: a separate treaty for European political co-operation and an amended Treaty of Rome. The phrase "European Union" has supranationalist overtones, but the specifics point in the opposite direction.

A separate treaty for political co-operation would mean that this field of activity would not be incorporated within the ordinary decision-making processes of the Community. This would have a double significance.

The Commission would have *no power to initiate or implement* policy. It would simply be an observer in this area of the Community's work. There would also be no majority voting. Political co-operation would just involve co-ordinating so far as possible the national foreign policies of the member governments.

None of this *suits* the Italians or the Benelux countries, who want the Community to adopt a maximalist approach towards integration. They do not, therefore, approve of a separate treaty for political co-operation, which they would like to be handled in the same way as the Community's other responsibilities.

They *would* prefer a larger role to be given to the European Parliament, whereas in practice the only proposal that would seem to stand much of a chance is one that would increase the Parliament's negative powers. Britain is among those apparently going along with the proposition that when the Parliament rejects a Commission recommendation it can then be passed only by unanimous vote in the Council of Ministers.

A more modest concept of EEC

Ideas for amending the Treaty of Rome run into what might appear to be a different kind of obstacle. Everyone agrees in principle that there will need to be more majority voting if much is to be made of the radical proposals from Lord Cockfield, the Commissioner for the internal market, for breaking down the many barriers that remain to free trade within the Community.

Majority voting on law harmonization and the right of establishment is generally accepted in theory. *But most* members want an exception of one kind or another to take account of their particular interest.

Britain and Ireland want to keep their own special laws on animal, plant and human health. West Germany and Denmark are anxious to avoid any reduction in the higher stadards they impose for environmental protection and safety. The poorer countries of southern Europe, Greece, Spain and Portugal, want a general get-out clause that would enable them to claim exemption whenever their interestes might be seriously affected.

So there is the prospect of new general rules, to which everyone would pay lip service, with so many exceptions as to make them largely meaningless.

It is always easier for a minority to block development than to persuade the others to go further, so there does not seem much chance of the more ambitious approach being adopted in Luxembourg.

What is now happening may be damaging in British interests in one sence. Britain would benefit from the further development of the internal market, which will probably be frustrated without more majority voting. But the British Government has never been *convinced* that this requires institutional changes.

It is the more modest concept of the Community itself that is now being vindicated. Most of the members, including the big three-West Germany France and Britain – have for a variety of reasons chosen the minimalist line on constitutional integration. That may be disappointing to European idealise. But it is an acceptance of reality.

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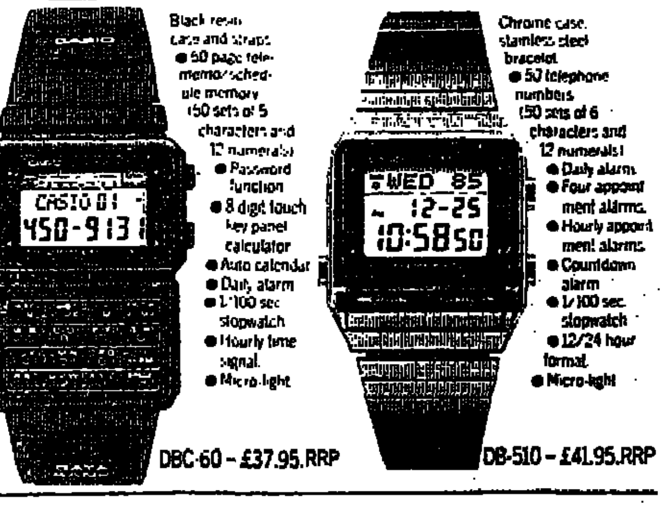

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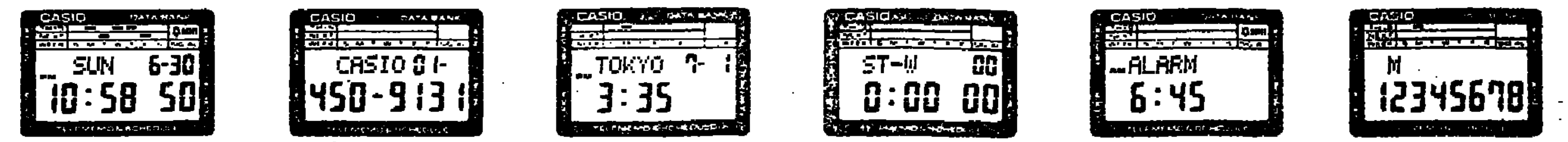

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Survivors of the Bhopal gas disaster in central India may never fully recover, yet still they wait for compensation

The poison cloud that lingers on

A year after the tragedy, **Michael Hamlyn** and photographer **Laurie Sparham** visited the city and were appalled by bureaucratic neglect

Just down the road from the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, in the bungalow which used to be occupied by the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police, long lines of black-clad Muslim women crouch in the mild winter sunshine waiting their turn to see the doctor-sahib or for their prescriptions to be dispensed. The DIG's bungalow has been turned into a 30-bed hospital for the people of the area closest to, and most urgently affected by, the deadly cloud of gas that wafted over the town 12 months ago.

According to the official body count, 1,754 people died when the container full of deadly methyl-isocyanate (MIC) burst open in Union Carbide's 70 acre factory. The chemical was used in the manufacture of a powerful agricultural insecticide. The official count, however, is widely acknowledged to be an underestimate, since many bodies were cremated or buried without official tallying. The unofficial count remains between 2,000 and 2,500. But more than 200,000 people received a dose of the gas sufficient to hurt them badly, if not enough to kill them. Twelve months later they have still not recovered.

The MIC gas principally affected their lungs. It was inhaled as they ran, and has scoured the soft tissues of the smaller air passages, destroying the hair-like alveoli, and in many cases the passages themselves.

"It is not commonly understood", says a mildly-worded report from Professor S. K. Jain, a Delhi University chest specialist, "that the destroyed tissue – converted to scars – cannot be regenerated."

In other words the people with damaged lungs will never get better. Though they might become used to the disability, in some cases they will always suffer from a lack of oxygen. In the case of children, the inadequate oxygenation could stop them growing. Special computer-linked machines for monitoring lung function have been approved to keep track of lung malfunctions, including one specially adapted for children.

The other most dramatic effect of the gas was on its victims' eyes. The scouring effect of the gas ulcerated the surface of the eye – but the ulceration went when the gas was washed away. Today, however, the queues at the eye hospital are as long as ever.

Some of the trouble stems from long over-use of early medication, says Dr M. K. Ajwani, the superintendent. The patients are still using steroid eye drops or antibiotic drops way past their useful time. Some people who continue to use the steroid drops have developd glaucoma as a result. Persistent use of the antibiotics caused recurrent infections, as the natural bacterial inhabitants of the eye are destroyed.

> **‘This little girl has serious breathing difficulties. Her mother and aunt lost nine relations in the tragedy’**

But the gas nonetheless has made some definite alteration in the tear film of the eyes. According to Dr Ajwani, "It has caused some change in the bacterial flora, or has caused some immunological imbalance in the tears".

Some of the visitors to the various clinics, hospitals, and out-patient departments are trying to establish and to maximize their claims for relief, rehabilitation and damages for their suffering, no doubt. The sadness lies not in the numbers who are tempted to inflate their claims, but in the fact that those with quite hideous suffering are not adequately helped. However, it is true that the Madhya Pradesh government has been prompt in distributing immediate relief of 10,000 rupees (around £600) to each family who suffers a death – with 1,404 grants so far – and interim help of 1,500 rupees for people who suffer a loss of income.

The industries department is setting up low technology (highly labour-intensive with low physical exertion) industries and training schemes for the affected areas.

But the real compensation has to come from Union Carbide. Despite the horde of lawyers that descended on the blighted town a year ago, not a penny of compensation has yet reached the victims.

Despite an act of India's parliament which conferred on the government the exclusive right to represent the claimants, a conference of lawyers has still been unable to agree on how to distribute $5 million given by the company at the insistence of a New York judge, John Kennan, for immediate relief.

Another 2,833 cases set before the local district judge in Bhopal, claiming a total of 2,000 million rupees, are simply lying there, with no action taken. The next step in the legal procedure is not due to be taken until January 3 next year, when Judge Kennan will decide whether the case against Union Carbide should be held in the United States or in India.

The money that the Bhopal residents have received has, of course, been bedevilled by that common South Asian problem – corruption. Mr Hasinath Siddiqui, an opposition member of the State legislative assembly, said: "The beneficiaries are not those who were gas-affected, they are the people with particular clout. The really poor are not getting the benefit because they do not know how. The middlemen – between the people who need the money and those who distribute it – are mostly members and local officials of the ruling party". One witness said: "In order to get the 1,500 rupees relief you have to pay 200 or 300 rupees to a middleman."

> **‘This woman is suffering from typical effects of chemical poisoning. Her eye is damaged beyond repair’**

Twelve months after the events, the Madhya Pradesh government is only now beginning to document the claims of the victims. Under brightly coloured *Shamianas* – the sub-continental version of marquees – government clerks are filling in complicated forms for the local inhabitants, mostly illiterate, who spend yet more days crouching in long queues for this service. At the same time the official Indian government inquiry into the disaster has still to get off the ground. The state government has not yet submitted its own statement to the commission, even though the life of the tribunal technically ends on December 15 (it will, of course, have its life prolonged).

As a result there is still no definite answer to the riddle – what caused so many deaths in the sleeping city, so quickly? There is beginning to be a broad acknowledgement, however, of the suggestion that I first disclosed last January: that those who died that night died of cyanide poisoning.

Mr L. K. Joshi, the state government's official spokesman, said: "This hypothesis is now generally accepted. At temperatures above 250 degrees MIC dissociates into these products. The people were overwhelmed by hydrogen cyanide, and nitrous oxide, and possibly carbon monoxide as well".

Nor is it yet clear exactly how the chemical came to burst out of the concrete-clad tank it was contained in; and the spirit of impartial inquiry into the scientific phenomena surrounding the Bhopal tragedy has not been helped by a series of unpleasant feuds among the scientists and doctors involved. As a result, it is not yet known whether people are still dying from the effects of the gas.

The frustrations of the people of Bhopal will be given expression on the anniversary itself. On the night of December 2, a torchlight procession will go to the gate of the Union Carbide plant, and a martyrs' memorial will be unveiled there. It is a statue by a Dutch woman sculptor, Ruth Watterman, showing a Bhopal woman with her hand covering her burning eyes, a dying child in her arms. The next day, a general strike has been called by the opposition groups and by the leaders of the various organisations campaigning on behalf of the sufferers. The events will be the culmination of a week of agitation, termed by the principal organization involved "Throw Out Carbide Week".

> **‘All these children in the bungalow hospital were coughing and being sick, or were too listless to move’**

"One of the things we are campaigning about", said Mr Ashok Pratap Singh, a leader of the campaign, "is that Union Carbide has not been punished. We say that the compensation must be equal to the world-wide assets of Union Carbide's $6,000 million. This must be the attitude of the government, that Union Carbide could *not* run anywhere in the world".

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SATURDAY

The weekend starts here

Scofield speaks

Actor Paul Scofield breaks his legendary silence to talk to The Times about his new starring role in *Nineteen Nineteen*, a film on Sigmund Freud and his patients. Scofield explains why he chose to appear in this low-budget movie and why, after an illustrious career spanning four decades, he still declines a knighthood

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Culture corner in an ill-read neighbourhood

Robbers, philistines, rent rises – Carol Stoll copes with them all in her Chicago bookshop. Film maker **Bryan Forbes** (right), a bookseller himself, explains her service to literature as big business threatens small authors

Just off elegant Michigan Avenue, Chicago, tucked away between a cinema and a restaurant, is a small bookshop with a large reputation. It is run single-handed, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year by a remarkable lady who triumphantly proves that the spirit of youth has nothing to do with age. Her name is Carol Stoll and she is a local legend.

When her lawyer husband died two decades ago she spurned the usual trappings of afflluent American widowhood and overnight became a bookseller: she has held court in Oak Street ever since.

I found her bookshop by chance one Saturday morning two years ago while I was in Chicago directing a film. From the moment I set foot inside her cramped quarters, where Carol perched behind the cash till, a mug of coffee in one hand, a cigarette in the other, I knew I had struck gold. A cursory glance at her catholic stock told me that here was somebody with the courage to sell a range of books now sadly ignored by the American multiples and discount houses. Not for Carol the 20 or so titles culled from the best-seller list and marketed like tins of cat food.

With her eagle eye Carol immediately discerned that I was the type of customer that gladdens a bookseller's heart. While I was ferreting through her stock, she offered me a cup of coffee and a chocolate chip cookie. I was hooked.

The small bookseller in America, as indeed in this country, now struggles to break even. Rents are penal, the competition is fierce, the profits minimal. On my last trip Carol told me that her rent had just been raised to $2,000 a month, which means she has to sell over $14,000 of books before she can buy a single chocolate cookie to give away to her friends. Without any self-pity she revealed that she has not given herself a salary for the past four months: indeed how could she, when *Texas*, James Michener's latest doorstop best-seller, is being hyped down the road at $6 under the published price in the discount stores?

Literature lover: Carol Stoll, at work from dawn to dusk

Carol is in her shop at first light, never takes a lunch break, and seldon leaves before 6pm. She does her own ordering, gift-wraps for free, provides book-marks, posts orders all over the world if asked and has a sure knowledge of her regular customers' tastes. Most important of all, she reads avidly and can therefore speak with some authority on her stock when asked an opinion – a welcome change from those assistants in the multiples, who are capable of filing *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole* in the pet section.

Her shop is the village pump. Elegantly dressed, always surrounded with fresh flowers, wreathed in cigarette smoke, dispensing trenchant wit and wisdom to all comers, unfailingly polite, but not suffering fools too gladly, she exudes the energy of a Kate Hepburn whom in style of speech and enthusiasm she closely resembles.

Some customers are more favoured than others. There is Warren, her local neighbourhood policeman, who brings her small bunches of flowers; Jim, her hairdresser, who in the role of bookseller-at-large, bends many a hot ear under the dryer to help make a sale; Bill, who pays a daily breakfast call (she has his croissant and coffee waiting) and seldom leaves without making a purchase; and Norman, a brilliant cabaret pianist and singer, resident at the nearby Knickerbocker Hotel to which Carol often retires for a late night visit after a particularly gruelling day.

I have made a close study of her various techniques and remain profoundly impressed. I was once present in the shop when an imposing dowager swept in and demanded a book on do-it-yourself brain surgery. Without batting an eyelid, Carol gave the perfect answer. "Wouldn't you know?" she said, "we're right out of it. Had a run on that one this week."

On another occasion, asked if she had a copy of Proust – which the customer rhymed with Faust – there was no question of Carol scoring a quick point, none of that snobbish intimidating haughtiness one finds in so many bookshops: she wrapped up good old Marcel in three volumes and rang up the amount.

"Who cares how they pronounce it?" she said, when the customer had departed. "She'll probably never read it, but at least she paid cash. There isn't a night when I don't thank God for inventing coffee tables."

There is something indomitable about this extraordinary lady I am now privileged to call a close friend, for it takes more than routine determination to soldier on in a country where only big is beautiful and the bitch goddess of affluent success is worshipped.

She has been held at gun-point, locked in her washroom and robbed, and yet she still finds the courage to continue. To me she symbolizes the love and lunacy of the bookselling trade, a small pocket of resistance against the ever-encroaching menace of the book *trader*, that impersonal entity who has no real love of literature, no feeling for the printed word, no interest in the customer who merely wants to browse.

Without the Carol Stolls of this world, I fear the publication of new books would gradually be reduced to a mundane list of spurious and transient titles with a shelf life as short as frozen foods. It is only in bookshops of the quality of Carol's that customers are given the choice and the untroubled leisure to become acquainted with the ever-lasting joy of discovering the unusual – the non-Booker prize winner, the otherwise instant remainder, the neglected genius that few review, all of which would otherwise flicker and die.

Every community should have its Oak Street Bookstore, presided over by somebody who cares to keep the flame alight. Carol Stoll loves books, and with her love of books comes a rare hope for us all in a world where the real quality of life is under constant attack from the yahoos.

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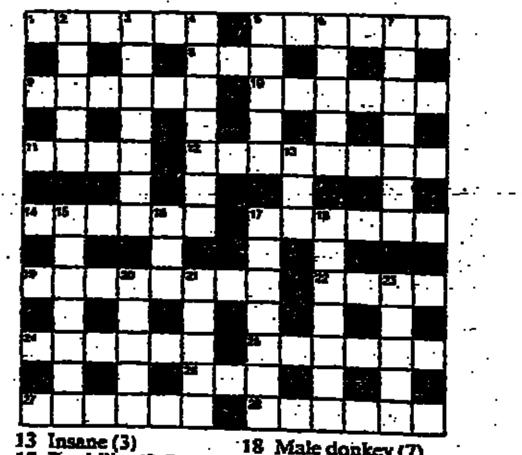

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How child care has grown up

While bringing up a baby has never seemed easier, with one major bank offering staff five years off work, **Heather Kirby** reveals new perils for parents

Role changes: the paterfamilias of Victorian times left childcare to the mother; today's father is happy to take on tasks that once belonged to the wife

Being a parent today is probably more fun yet more worrying than ever. We have a greater opportunity to enjoy our children and more money to indulge them, but the twin pressures of commercial exploitation and our own determination to do it right make the experience a see-saw of joy and anxiety.

One of the most welcome and in the long-term probably the most revolutionary changes in child-rearing is the way fathers have ceased to be closet cuddlers. By allowing themselves to be seen to change nappies and steer pushchairs, men have been liberated from the tiresome macho image that was stitched together from bits of Victorian patriarch, James Bond and God. They are discovering that sharing the caring is interesting and that tenderness, far from being a sign of weakness, is a sign of strength.

Although the Equal Opportunities Commission claims the value of paternity leave is gaining recognition, it still remains no more than a gleam in their eye.

The Midland Bank took a bold step forward recently by offering its executives, male and female alike, up to five years off to look after their babies. Women employees of the London borough of Islington are also being allowed five years' maternity leave.

Maternity leave is now a statutory right after a woman has worked for a firm for two years but it is parental leave, described by a select committee in the House of Lords as a "bold social innovation", which stands the best chance of flourishing.

We no longer treat our children as possessions to go gooey-eyed over. They are real people

Baroness Platt, chairman of the EOC, argues: "For a firm to lose an employee for just three months is disruptive, but to lose one for longer because he or she cannot leave a small baby is even more disruptive. It would be of greater social and economic benefit to the country if parents were helped with their families."

Richard Seal, a consultant to the Open University Community Education Department, adds: "There is a small but influential group of fathers who have a new set of priorities, who don't see work as affording them their whole reason for existing. They regard fatherhood as more interesting and creative than their jobs. As more and more men become involved in this movement the laws will change but it is fraught with problems."

Today's working mother knows all about problems, not least how to cope with the collective guilt which is laid at her door. From juvenile crime to drug abuse, toddler tantrums to under-age sex, it would all go away or at least be reduced to "acceptable" levels if only she would give up her need to be fulfilled/buy a micro-wave oven and stay at home to look after her family.

Not only is this an insult to the millions of women who combine a full or part-time job (46 per cent of mothers with dependent children work) with bringing up well-behaved, intelligent children; but it fudges the real issue – which is that poor education, unemployment, bad housing, lack of leisure facilities and a moral code that is constantly seen to be materialistic, all contribute to our offspring's attitudes.

Research has proved that "diffused mothering" has beneficial effects. Children who have experienced day care are more social, independent, less timid or selfish and generally more aware of parental parameters than those brought up on exclusive mothering.

Rachel Nugee, a former central President of the Mothers' Union and the mother of four sons, says: "Parents are more willing to be open with their children nowadays and this engenders mutual respect. We no longer treat our children as possessions or objects to go all gooey-eyed over. They are real people in their own right to be loved and enjoyed."

There is a treacherous margin between regarding children as proper little people whose needs must be taken into account and treating them as equals. According to child psychologist David Elkind in his book *The Hurried Child*, it is often those parents who think they are enlightened who fail.

Morals may be no worse today than they ever were but the marriage-go-round is definitely a new factor which parents are having to play by ear. It is not easy for the single parent to instil concepts of "loyalty", "fidelity", "trust" and so forth if Mummy or Daddy has put self-gratification before the family.

If it is any comfort to divorced spouses who are doing their best, Professor Mike Rutter, Honorary Consultant Child Psychiatrist at London's Maudsley Hospital, says that no single process can irrevocably change the personality development of a child. "There has been repeated evidence that many children are not damaged by deprivation and that factors outside the home, like school and neighbourhood, have an ameliorating influence", he says.

The usually grim picture of the single parent, though unquestionably economically disadvantaged, is not borne out by the facts according to child psychologist Dr Edward Melhuish of the Coram Research Unit. "People approach the topic of single teenage parents as if it is a problem area without realizing that these mothers cope perfectly well", he says. "It is the atypical cases who have problems and they stigmatize all the others."

Britain's 25½ million children are an industry, a sub-culture, a market before they are born, even before they are conceived. They have a spending power of anything from £2,000-£4,000 million and parents chuck a few billion away on them as well.

There are 20 million households and each one, on average (according to the Family Expenditure Survey) spends 61p a week on toys, 60p on soft drinks, 19p on lollies and (according to the 1985 Walls Pocket Money Survey) £1.09 on pocket money.

That we indulge our children beyond the call of duty is unquestionable. Dr Dorothy Einon, a psychologist at London's University College, and a specialist in creative play, says: "parents enjoy their children more now – and are more disappointed when they don't. We are sharing things with our children, going out more with them. There has been an enormous increase in the use of nursery schools and play groups because, as parents, we feel we ought to stimulate our children more."

Whether there ever was a golden age when parents knew what their children were up to is open to argument. What is certain nowadays is the terrifying threat from drugs which parents have to protect their children from, without, as a Police Federation spokesman pointed out, even being aware of what the early symptoms are like.

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"Parents get a shock when they find their children are part of the drug scene, because there is quite a lapse between the first experiments with drugs and addiction. Parents as well as children need educating in drug abuse", he says.

Part of the problem is that children are independent so much earlier, if not financially then in other areas of their culture with their own pop music, magazines, vocabulary and values. Although we may put our foot down about which television programmes are unsuitable we are constantly fighting a rearguard action against their friends' parents who seem to allow their children to watch anything. As always there is the tightrope between democracy and anarchy.

The pill, once such a threat to parental power in the child-rearing process, now strikes almost as much terror in the teenage breast as the Ten Commandments once did. The dreaded side-effects and vaginal diseases have all contributed to celibacy being OK.

Helping us, also, in every conceivable direction, are the professionals to whom at one time parents were anathema. Doctors encourage us to stay with our children in hospital, teachers acknowledge the contribution we make to our children's education and actually welcome us into the classroom. Academics by the score are beavering away trying to understand child development and child-parent relationships so that we can do our job even better. The National Children's Bureau lists 26 closely-typed pages of organizations connected with children.

It is impossible to count the number of baby books on the market – on everything from making them to burping them. Breast feeding or bottle feeding, whether to pick him up or let him scream. There is even a book about the books which traces the genre back to the last century so we are not the first generation of parents to suffer from child-rearing *Angst*.

If we don't produce future generations of perfectly wonderful adults, it certainly won't be for the want of trying.

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The woman who had to be Governor

The Governor General of Canada has so many letters after her name that they fill a complete line of *Who's Who* but all these honours and qualifications do not stop the Rt Hon Jeanne Sauvé from being extremely jolly.

She has been visiting Britain for a few days to speak to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and to lunch with the Queen. She has been to the theatre and, instead of taking in a classical piece, chose *Starlight Express*, the show on roller skates with heavy rock music. "A lot of noise" she says, "but great fun."

For her lunch with the Queen she is wearing a vivid red dress; her hair is dyed blonde and cut into a short, sharp shape that belies her 63 years. She is the first woman and the third French speaker to be Governor General, the Queen's representative in Canada. When former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau asked her to take on the job a year and a half ago, she was ill in bed. "Get through this and you'll be able to rest", he promised her untruthfully.

It was a moment when the country needed the steadying presence of a Governor General, and Mme Sauvé staggered loyally through the ceremony, stuffed so full of steroids that her face puffed out unnaturally over the ruff of her Elizabethan-style grey silk gown. "I was just grateful I didn't fall down", she says.

Her links with England began when as a young bride she arrived with her husband Maurice Sauvé, who had won a scholarship to the London School of Economics and they shared a flat in Denmark Hill. The couple eventually returned to Canada and Jeanne immediately landed a job in television. "I was asked to prepare one little programme and I never stopped."

For 20 years she was a successful political journalist and then an MP. Her son, Jean-Francois, was born when she was 37. "I think it is easier to have a child when you are older, when your career is well on its way and you can afford help", she says, "but we didn't plan it like that. It just happened, an added bonus."

Her first public act of courage occurred when she became a Cabinet minister and questioned the "conflict of interests" tradition which said that a Cabinet minister's spouse must resign any job where he or she could make money from privileged information.

"Just a minute", said Mme Suavé firmly, "that won't work in my case. My husband is the vice-president of a big public company and I am certainly not going to ask him to resign and do nothing for the rest of his life."

She had been trying to change this rule for some time, considering it unfair to wives; nobody understood what she was on about, but the moment it applied to a man they realized immediately and the clause was dropped.

She became Speaker of the House of Commons at a tricky time. It was the end of the Trudeau era and the moment when the Auditor General finished a report, instigated by her predecessor, which showed that the administration of the House was not only inefficient but riddled with petty corruption.

Mme Suavé took the matter in hand, fired the top management and restructured the jobs of many of the 3,000 employees. Then she turned her attention to the MPs, asking them, among other things, to list the government property in their offices. "The inference, of course, was that they were walking out with the typewriters", she says. "They didn't like that and they didn't like putting in word processers, either. They'd much rather have hired a couple of extra secretaries."

This reformation process she says, was not made easier by being a woman in a clubby male atmosphere.

Mme Suavé feels that she became stronger during her time in the Speaker's chair, more assertive. This cleansing period out of politics plus a reputation for straightforward honesty, made her an ideal choice for Governor General.

When the Queen visited Quebec in the 'Sixties, the inhabitants turned their backs on her. Mme Sauvé says quickly, tactfully, that it was nothing personal. "The Queen went through it with flying colours and she'd be most welcome in Quebec now." This changed attitude towards the Crown has something to do with the natural cooling off of the separatist issue but more to do with the popular style of the Queen's representative.

She finds her role restricting, however. "You cannot discuss politics with anyone but your most intimate friends", she says, "You are not responsible for your own programme or for the people you meet, who may not necessarily be the people you want to meet, and you're trapped in a great big residence for five or six years. But that is the essence of public service at this level: you either want it or you don't.

Leading lady: Jeanne Sauvé

"My son is now 26, training to be a banker in Toronto, and my husband and I are grown-up people who understand this." Her husband has a seat on several company boards, runs his own consultancy business and is delighted – "just as Denis Thatcher is" – to help his wife when he's free.

Her mandate, she says, was to make the role of Governor General more visible. She intends to say what she thinks about the Reagan/Gorbachov meeting in her Christmas message and wants to draw the nation's attention to the problems of disarmament, pollution and youth unemployment. 'We heve left the young this legacy and I feel very bad about it, having been in politics. I might get in too deep and into a little bit of trouble, but that is better than saying nothing."

In the Sixties, she says, young people disbanded structures and organizations and went out on a limb. Now she feels that they are coming together again with a will for change and someone from the older generation should be giving advice.

"There is a new mood about and somebody has to grasp it and say something", she says. And there is no doubt in her mind that that somebody should be the Governor General.

Shirley Lowe

When an early-morning jog may cut the chance of cancer

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Women, get out your running shoes! Exercise can prevent breast cancer and the development of tumours in your reproductive systems, according to December's issue of the *British Journal of Cancer* which carries a massive study of more than 5,000 American woman aged between 21 and 80.

They were picked from old-girls' lists from colleges in different parts of New England and divided roughly into those who had either taken part in some competitive sport while they were studying and those who had had less strenuous careers. The comparisons make interesting reading.

Those who had been fit in their late teens and twenties seemed to be benefiting later in life as well. Cancers of the reproductive system, including the cervix, uterus, ovary and vagina, hit 3.4 per thousand of this group while the rate for the lazier women was 10.1 per thousand. The figures for breast cancer were 9.2 per thousand for the athletes and 16.2 for the rest.

Differences in lifestyle which start with regular exercises in childhood and adolescence seemed to have more influence than family history or the age the women had their first babies. The athletes in the study were significantly taller than the others, *slightly* heavier yet much leaner. The athletes tended to start menstruating later than the less fit while a larger proportion of the latter group used oral contraceptives.

Nearly three-quarters of the athletes were still taking regular exercise when they were sent the questionnaire in 1981, compared with just over half of the others.

The study's authors suggest that some of these differences may be explained by the relative fatness of the two groups. What is particularly significant is that while older women in both groups were restricting the fat in their diets at the time of the study, the athletes had been doing that for three or four decades as part of maintaining their fitness.

The findings back up a number of other studies linking reproductive cancers with fatness which suggest that overweight people seem to metabolize sex hormones in a different way to leaner people.

Crippling disease on the wane

Spina bifida in the UK could soon be a disease of the past, according to two of the country's leading experts on the condition. In a paper just published in Archives of Disease in Childhood, *the University of Sheffield's emeritus professor of paediatrics, John Lorber and its honorary consultant clinical immunologist, Dr Anthony Milford Ward, show how the incidence of spina bifida has been dropping in the UK since the early 1970s, especially during the past five years.*

In England and Wales, for example, the annual incidence of spina bifida births was 18.8 per 10,000 babies born in 1972, but had dropped to 12 per 10,000 by 1980 and to 7.3 per 10,000 by 1985.

Professor Lorber and Dr Ward concluded that the dramatic decline is due to a combination of antenatal screening, which started in earnest in the late 1970s, and an underlying natural drop in the number of babies who develop with spina bifida. If the trends continue, then the virtual disappearance of spina bifida, they claim is a "real, none too distant possibility".

Talking to The Times *Professor Lorber said no one knew why the UK was experiencing this natural fall in spina bifida births. "It's a familiar circumstance in western medicine that diseases come and go."*

He warned that in spite of the natural trend effective antenatal screening remained of the utmost importance in eradicating spina bifida as some countries which had seen a natural decline were now seeing an upsurge.

Careful watch on loud-hailers

One of the most embarrassing social problems facing deaf people, especially those who have become hard of hearing in adulthood, is not knowing when they are talking too loudly. A new device, designed by electronic engineer John Walker of the University of Cambridge School of Clinical Medicine's speech and language group, could help.

The "Soft-Talker" looks like a wristwatch and is just as discreet. It comprises a tiny microphone and amplifier, worn, say, in a breast pocket, which is connected to a small motor vibrator mounted in a wrist-watch case. It can be pre-set and adjusted for use from a noisy party to a quiet dinner. If the wearer talks too loudly a signal from the amplifier makes the "wrist-watch" vibrate, and stops only when the voice returns to a more acceptable level.

Development of the device was funded by the Wolfson Foundation, a charitable organization. It is now in small-scale production and available from the Speech and Language Group, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Trumpington Street, Cambridge CB2 1QE, priced £59.95 (plus postage).

Surprise catch at the office

Many people believe that shingles is caused when a latent chicken-pox infection – normally contracted in childhood – erupts later in life. It is not, therefore, considered a contagious disease. But an outbreak of shingles among a group of office staff has forced public health experts to conclude that it may be transmitted after all, especially to people who are under the weather.

Between May and August 1983, seven employees, all in the same department of an office complex and five working adjacent to each other, developed shingles. Reporting the outbreak in a recent issue of the Lancet, Dr Stephen Palmer, consultant epidemiologist to Cardiff's public health laoratory service, and his colleagues argue that, statistically, the chances of this simply being a fluke are very slim. They claim that it may have been passed from one to another.

The virus responsible for shingles and chicken-pox, varicella-zoster, may have been present in nasal and throat secretions and spread by droplet infection, they say. It is not clear why not more of the 101 employees in the department developed shingles, but their medical records suggested that the seven had been off work because of sickness more frequently in the six months before the outbreak. Those who contracted shingles could, therefore, have been more susceptible to the disease.

Fresh hope for healthy births

There is hope from Holland for women who have multiple late miscarriages because their babies fail to grow at the proper rate. Sixteen women from Rotterdam, who had lost 34 babies between them, were treated throughout their following pregnancies wth a combination of aspirin and a drug called Persantin. They all delivered perfectly healthy, normal weight babies.

Previously the mothers' placentas – which carry blood and nourishment from mother to child – had given out early or did not function properly. The aspirin reduces the level of a blood constituent which normally restricts blood vessels while the Persantin stops blood becoming sticky – a combination which keeps the placenta functioning normally.

Aspirin on its own has other advantages in pregnancy. Professor Hank Wallenburg, who treated the 16 women, has discovered from another small study that giving aspirin alone in pregnancy reduces the risk of high blood pressure. He is now trying to work out which women are particularly at risk and would benefit from this treatment.

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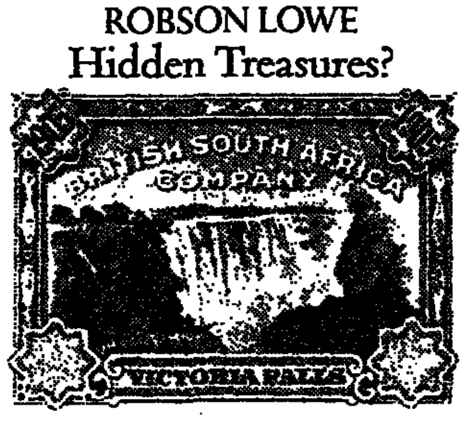

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THE TIMES DIARY

Not quite fullbodied

I doubt if the South African wine industry is much impressed by the Consumers' Association claim that it has "tried to make the *1986 Which? Wine Guide* as comprehensive as possible". For the first time, and without a word of explanation, the association has excluded from the guide all reference to Cape wines. Editor, Kathryn McWhirter can be assumed not to have made the exclusion lightly. In 1981 for a wine magazine she toured KWV's Laborie Estate in the Cape where a public-relations man, Henry Damant, dutifully pointed to the "model" working conditions of its non-white labour. Damant tells me: "*She religiously wrote it all into her* piece and then infuriated me by adding 'but they don't have the vote'." The Consumers' Association yesterday confessed if to error at all "an error of editorial judgment" in saying that the guide was comprehensive.

It's catching

Yesterday I disclosed that employment minister Peter Bottomley's brother Henry has been selected as a Labour candidate for left-wing Lambeth. Now I learn of another errant relation. Chris Adamson, son of former CBI director-general Sir Campbell, has just become a Labour candidate in equally left-wing Islington.

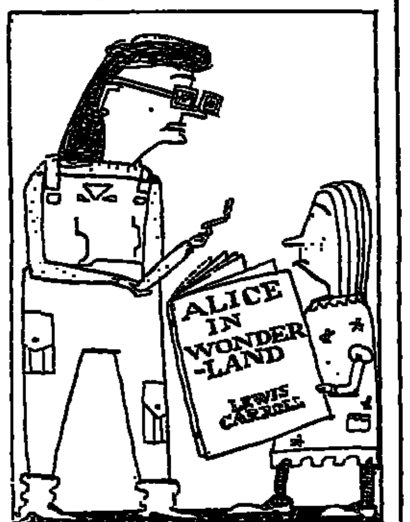
Stalled

The GLC has appointed a new team of selectors to decide who should run the craft stalls that litter the Royal Festival Hall at weekends. Exponents of such unhip arts as dried flower arranging have already got their marching orders. A more surprising victim of the new broom is the sister of GLC chairman and former arts chief Tony Banks, MP. Her application to continue selling her ceramics was just that little bit too late, says the GLC.

A real beaut

The National Labour Women's Committee is taking revenge on the party for being exiled to the Scottish island of Bute for its annual conference next June. It is planning to embarrass party chiefs by holding its own shadow election for the national executive's women section. The five women voted into the section by Labour's predominantly male membership, it claims, would not be the choice of most women party members. The mock ballot, at the conference in June, is expected deliver a huge snub to skirted stalwarts like fur trade advocate Gwynneth Dunwoody.

BARRY FANTONI



'No, darling, the Mad Hatton is someone else'

Oversight

Islington council leader Margaret Hodge is all in favour of open government. Indeed, only recently the Association of London Authorities, which she chairs, recommended that all councillors should complete a thorough and mandatory declaration of their financial and other interests. Strange, then, that while Ms Hodge, wealthy daughter of millionaire industrialist Hans Oppenheimer, has completed a statutory register that is not available to the public, she has conspicuously failed to complete Islington's voluntary register of councillors' pecuniary interests, which is. "Just a mistake," she assures me.

Flat out

He may be wasting time and money, but Paul Howell, Tory MEP for Norfolk, has hit on a good way to curry favour with his voters. He has tabled a motion lamenting the drawbacks of the European parliament sitting in Strasbourg while holding committee meetings in Brussels. As a compromise he recommends a single location – "the fine city of Norwich, in Norfolk."

Slipway

John Butcher, junior trade minister, who was telling me only the other night that he is the new self-styled Minister for Women, has made a real howler in the Commons: asked whether he was not concealing a risk to Tyneside shipbuilding jobs to protect his party's candidate in the Tyne Bridge by-election, he replied: "I have no doubt that the candidate in the by-election is more than able to look after himself." The candidate, Mrs Jacqui Lait, will be delighted to hear of his support in her uphill struggle. "It couldn't have happened to a better motivated minister," said Butcher.

PHS

Will the barriers start to fall?

Three days ahead of the EEC summit, Sarah Hogg reports on a lonely campaign to bring about a truly common market

When Lord Cockfield was appointed vice-president of the European Commission earlier this year he was thought by fellow British businessmen and senior Conservatives to be comfortably lukewarm on Europe. He has since made things hot for *all* member governments, including the British.

Cockfield has a list of specific proposals – more than 300 of them, articulated in a white paper – for making the European Community into something dimly resembling a common market by 1992. He has the embarrassing habit of spelling out the consequences of statements of principle blithely signed by heads of government. He is therefore the *salt in* the wounds of disagreement between governments who are trying to fudge a compromise before Monday's European summit.

Cockfield has taken on himself the herculean task of cleaning up the EEC's "internal market". The aim, enshrined in the original Treaty of Rome and subsequent communiques, is to demolish the physical, technical and tax barriers that break a commercial market of some 320 million people into uneconomic national mini-markets. *His white paper, published in June* in preparation for the Milan summit, is respected for its impartiality. Its timetable, setting successive dates for decisions to be taken between now and 1992, is grudgingly admitted to be feasible. But it is undoubtedly ambitious.

As Cockfield conceded earlier this week, governments are dragging their feet. The white paper, so cheerfully endorsed by heads of government, detailed about 50 decisions to be taken before the end of the year. Only about 16 are safely through; according to Cockfield a further 35 could be completed at the stroke of a pen, if all governments were prepared to display the necessary political will.

Cockfield agrees that targets for the first year of the programme were daunting. He argues that it would never have achieved any momentum otherwise. By next spring, he will be ready to publish a progress report.

In the meantime, his hopes of progress are dependent on governments agreeing to take some decisions by a "qualified majority" rather than wait for unanimity. This is the stickiest item before the inter-government conference on Community reform.

Cockfield seems far from averse to taking on his home government – particularly his old sparring partners in the British Treasury, who are thoroughly alarmed by single-minded pursuit of the alignment of Community tax systems.

The British are even more alarmed at the number of proposals in the white paper dealing with trade in animals and plants, arguing that Europe's offshore islands must retain special quarantine controls. Plainly, the British government has good reason for caution. It is not hard to imagine the political mileage anti-Europeans could enjoy with the suggestion that the European Commission's latest wheeze would open Britain to a rabies epidemic.

To this argument Cockfield has two answers. First, he is doggedly determined not to start down the slippery slope of conceding to national special interests. Secondly, he insists that he is not pressing for the abandonment of national controls; merely for an end to the *increasingly inefficient system of* customs posts.

Cockfield sees customs barriers as the physical kernel of trade obstacles and quotes the Commission's estimate of their cost: this works out at about £50 a year per inhabitant of the Community. The more we succeed in eradicating national differences in taxes and regulations, he argues, the more wasteful it becomes to maintain armies of customs officers to enforce the rest.

Physical barriers are not the main impediment, however, to the majority of Europeans who now earn their living in the service industries. The Commission is at last making determined efforts to make international competition easier among members of the professions, such as lawyers, or financial institutions, such as insurance companies. On this subject, at least, Cockfield is in tune with the British Government, which sees healthy opportunities for the City of London in the fuddy-duddy financial markets of Europe.

Cockfield, however, rejects the traditional dichotomy between industry and services. The approach to both has switched away from the interminable attempt to harmonize every detail of national laws, and instead towards a minimum EEC-wide framework within which member governments will be obliged to recognize each other's seal of approval on individual products or services.

The old approach was epitomized by the directive covering the architectural profession, which took 17 years to emerge from the bowels of European negotiation. The new approach aims to lay down conditions for all professions under which each national body will be obliged to recognize the qualifications endorsed by another. The same approach was adopted towards manufacturing standards.

Perhaps the most radical development of all is in the field of financial services: agreement that from 1989 certain unit trusts can be marketed in one country although established and supervised in another.

This small example, cited by Cockfield as a breakthrough, deserves the title because it illustrates belated recognition in Europe of the facts of commercial life. Increasingly, technology is going to make nonsense of frontiers. Cockfield may lack the skill of European diplomacy; but he understands the forces of economic change.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Pulling the fur over our eyes

Of the 12 episodes of the BBC's new television series, *Comrades*, only two have so far been screened, and of these I have seen only one. It is therefore difficult, and would probably be unfair, to come to any *general conclusion yet on the nature* and quality of the series. But the producer, Richard Denton, has just described in a long article in *The Listener* (November 21) not only his attitude to the task of making, with official permission, a series of films in the Soviet Union, each of which consists of a portrait of a single individual, but also his method of working, the conditions under which the series was made, and his comparisons of life in the Soviet Union with life in the West. And it is, I think, perfectly reasonable to deduce that the whole series will reflect its producer's views (how, indeed, could they not?), and it is with his views that I shall today concern myself.

His principal contention is that the people of the Soviet Union are much like people in other countries, particularly Britain. In one sense, so obvious as to be practically a tautology, he is of course right; I have no doubt that most Soviet citizens love their children, want peace, obey the law and prefer good weather to bad. But the system under which they live does have a number of rather striking differences with ours: of these differences Mr Denton is naturally aware, which means that to maintain his thesis without denying that truth (he is plainly not a communist sympathizer or fellow-traveller), he has to make use of a curious form of words.

When he makes or implies a comparison, "we", "the West" and "the BBC" are the human beings contained in his reference, and he would have us believe that "they", "the Russians" and "the State Committee for Television and Radio" are likewise the individuals thus collectively described. But they are not, and in a totalitarian society could not possibly be. A quotation from Mr Denton's article will help to make my point clear:

> I had noticed when filming in schools [Mr Denton made the BBC films about Radley and Kingswood] that teachers became increasingly suspicious, if not downright hostile, when they perceived that the production crew were making professional arrangements directly with the pupils rather than using the teacher-figure as an intermediary. Exactly the same response is observable in the USSR, and the authorities never felt happy with our insistence upon making our own phone calls to contributors, establishing our own contacts, making our own arrangements.

Exactly the same response? Does he mean that the teachers at Radley and Kingswood were conscious of the fact that if something displeasing to the British government had been said on his British programmes they might shortly find themselves in a prison, a madhouse or a concentration camp? And if he does not mean that, what *does* he mean?

What he means, of course, is that in Britain as well as the Soviet Union those in authority do not like unauthorized things being done. But that true statement leads only to a wholly false implication: that the *nature* of authority in Britain is similar to that in the Soviet Union. And it isn't, not even slightly.

Paula Youens

Let us for a few more lines continue Mr Denton's paragraph where I left it:

> The Russians have little reason to trust the Western media, and in fact they trust us as much as we trust them: not at all.

Again, the quickness of the hand nearly deceives the eye. Western media distort the news; Soviet media distort the news; both true; therefore, give or take an emphasis or two, Western media and Soviet media are essentially the same. But there is no valid comparison between a system which, with all its faults and abuses, permits a wide variety of opinions, including those unremittingly critical of the authorities, and a system in which only one view is allowed, and those who challenge it are immediately visited with the full force of a savage law.

The key to Mr Denton's fundamental misconception of the nature of a totalitarian society can be found in another passage from the same article. He defends himself from the charge of meekly accepting Soviet restrictions by saying that he did not anyway want to make programmes critical of the Soviet Union, because "The politics of the Soviet system had already been dealt with constantly and at length in the Western media". But in a totalitarian system *everything* is politics; that is virtually a definition of totalitarianism.

There was an episode in last Sunday's programme which further illuminates Mr Denton's *Listener* article and offers little hope that the remainder of the series will be any more responsible. It showed a young man being called up for his two years of military service, and scenes from his induction and basic training. When he paraded before the board which reviews all Soviet conscripts, he was asked his attitude to military service; he replied, "Service is an honourable profession and it makes a man of you". This theme was repeated again and again by the recruit's mother and father, who said things like "He must serve and do his duty to the Motherland" and "Everyone has to serve, it's a Sacred Duty". (The capitals were in the sub-titles.)

Now for anything I know, or Mr Denton knows, those were the very sentiments held by young Krylov and his parents. But if they weren't – if, say, he or his mother or father thought that their country was run by ruthless imperialists and that it would be a moral crime to serve in the Red Army in Afghanistan or Czechoslovakia – they would have had to be heroes of the stature of Solzhenitsyn to say so. And they knew it. *If* Mr Denton *did* not know it, he ought to be ashamed of himself. And if he *did* know it, he ought to be considerably more ashamed of himself.

Does he seriously believe (I think he does) that when the day's filming at young Krylov's barracks was finished, the new soldier was not coached in what he was to say and do when the filming resumed on the morrow? And the Krylov parents at home, awaiting a letter as any Western parents of a soldier son would; does Mr Denton suppose that there was no prompter for Krylov senior's little speech about how good it would be if all the nations agreed, so that no armies would be needed ?

What we have here is not, I insist, fellow-travelling; a very different form of *trahison des clercs* is at work. It is a kind of monstrous vanity. Mr Denton knows (and if he doesn't, let him read Professor Paul Hollander's *Political Pilgrims*) how many pitiful dupes have gone to totalitarian countries and swallowed, in some cases with nothing but good intentions, the lies they were provided with in ample measure. But Mr Denton believes that *he*, unlike all his predecessors, is cleverer than the men who spend their entire lives deceiving men like him, and who are trained in their job far more thoroughly than young Krylov was trained in the use of the *Kalashnikov* and the bayonet. He cannot be such a fool as to believe that the Soviet authorities agreed to let him into the Soviet Union, and to shoot miles of film there, without believing that they would gain by what the British viewers saw. But he can be, and is, such a fool as to believe that he could outwit them. He condemns himself when, at the end of his article, he sums up by saying that "the preconceptions and prejudices of the Russians about Westerners are *exactly* [my italics] matched by our preoccupations and prejudices about them". There could be no better proof of his failure than that he has been led, by those whose task it was to lead him there, to that conclusion.

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Momoh gets to the heart of the matter

When President Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone formally handed over to Major General Joseph Momoh yesterday he became only the fourth black African leader to stand down voluntarily. His country stands out as a beacon of calm compared with the instability of Liberia to the south and Guinea to the north, both of which have recently experienced bloody attempted coups.

The country, nevertheless, is in a state of advanced atrophy. The central bank, with little or no foreign exchange, is about to default on a $120 million loan package from the West; inflation is at 70 per cent, and the IMF has suspended all dealings until it is assured that a new government will seriously tackle economic management and the repayment of foreign loans.

Things ought to be otherwise. Sierra Leone's four million people live in a potentially *rich country*. It enjoys vast mineral wealth, with frequent discoveries of further diamond, gold and iron ore deposits; the land is fertile, the climate pleasant and, in Freetown, it has the best natural harbour in West Africa – used by the Falklands task force as its last stop before Ascension. Three US oil companies are confident of making big finds offshore, given that Sierra Leone is on the same shelf as Nigeria.

So what is going wrong? Stevens has blamed the trebling of *oil bills* within the past five years and the rising cost of imports. He points a finger at the West. "You fix the prices of our exports, but you also fix the price of our imports. What say does that leave us in running our economy?"

Whatever triggered the economic collapse in 1979, the nation's wealth since then has been diverted into private hands and the black market. Foreign earnings of a few extremely rich businessmen are invested abroad and as much as 90 per cent of the country's precious mineral wealth is smuggled out. As a result, the government has little revenue to pay its bills or use for development.

Roads are in a terrible state, the sewerage system is collapsing, civil servants are paid late, if at all, hospitals are without medicines, and the government faces extreme embarrassment each month in trying to buy oil. "If all exports were sold legitimately, this would be one of the richest countries in the world," says Sandy Kinnear, manager of Barclays Bank in Sierra Leone.

General Momoh says: "We have to smash this system. We know all the areas where black-market activities take place. We shall constantly use the army and police to raid them." He intends to introduce legislation which would make even buyers of goods on the black market punishable in law. "I am a professional soldier. I believe that rules and regulations must be obeyed."

The general has already announced that the affairs of a number of private companies will be investigated. If irregularities are found "we shall tell them they have been enjoying a holiday for too long".

Momoh's other priorities are to clear out the deadwood in the bureaucracy and prune the present cabinet of 48. Stevens maintained that it had to be that size to balance the country's disparate tribal factions. Momoh says: "It is time that Sierra Leoneans started thinking of themselves as part of a nation and not in terms of ethnic groups." His motto is: Same hopes, same goals, same aspirations.

He believes these measures should help restore foreign confidence. Britain has shared the IMF's view that any increase in aid should depend on drastic action against the black market. Total British aid has fallen by a third during the past three years and now stands at £2.85 million.

Lloyds Bank, in its 1984 *Economic Report*, does not recommend investment. Nevertheless a core of British firms remain and continue to exert considerable influence on the economy.

General Momoh has particularly warm feelings for Britain – he won the sword of honour for the best overseas cadet at the Mons Officer Cadet school, Aldershot, in 1963 – and is bitterly resentful that Britain plays only a limited role in helping its former colony. He accuses Britain of abandoning the country and appeals for a change of policy. Richard Clift, the British high commissioner, told me: "The country remains almost embarrassingly pro-British, but we have no confidence over the disbursement of our aid."

Perhaps Momoh's hardest task will be to persuade people at home and abroad that things really are about to change. Some critics see him as a Stevens poodle who will be a mere compliant figurehead. Momoh is uneqivocal. "People had had enough of Dr Stevens." He wishes him *no* harm but says that if necessary he will expose the corruption and maladministration of the Stevens period.

As to his own position, Momoh retains the loyalty of the army, police and paramilitary. But despite the popularity that he evidently enjoys, the people's frustrations and high expectations could still cause internal strife if the Momoh medicine proves too difficult to swallow.

Andrew Jaspan

David Watt

Why the summit could go sour

President Reagan's speech to Congress on his return from the Geneva summit was a connoisseur's item – an amazing, Disneyland confection moulded into the likeness of every American's fantasy of cosy international statesmanship.

Like almost all major acts of any American government, the summit can be endowed with legitimacy only by being turned into a spectacle so simplified that 250 million people can comprehend it and in which *they can vicariously take part. It is* because the old Hollywood professional understands this instinctively that he constantly confounds those who fondly believe that it may sometimes be more important, even in American politics, to be correct and consistent.

The proof that this is not the case is given by the ease with which Reagan has made his U-turn. If anyone had said in the summer of 1983, when Reagan made his notorious "evil empire" speech, he *would be exchanging cordial invi*tations with the Soviet leader within two and a half years and pointedly refraining from any direct attack on the Soviet human rights record or presence in Afghanistan, the proposition would have seemed laughable. What has made it possible has been the long build-up to the summit, the ballyhoo and theatricality. The American public has been drawn along, as in *Dynasty*, by an unfolding drama based on universal emotions and hopes, in this case the desire for peace and the simple belief that .... "There is neither East nor West, border nor breed nor birth, When two strong men stand face to face, though they come from the ends of the earth".

The undoubted need for, and brilliant success of, this kind of gigantic American production can hardly be denied – especially if one looks at what happens to presidents such as Jimmy Carter who try to do without it or to make the plot too sophisticated. But there is a price to be paid for having to carry the public along in this way – the momentum of expectation which is built up. It is true that the conventions allow the hero to be transformed into a villain if necessary – and vice versa – but such moves have to be carefully prepared over several episodes. It follows that for at least another year – unless the Russians do something so frightful that the storyline is wrenched out of the president's hands – an East-West thaw is what everyone wants. If they can't get it, it *will show very rapidly in the ratings.*

For Reagan, what is this to mean in practice? No doubt the prospect of two more summits will keep things going along nicely for a while, and there are other titbits such as consuls in Kiev and air safety in the Pacific to fill the gap. But in the end, what matters is that progress is made in human rights, Afghanistan, regional conflict and, above all, arms control.

From Reagan's point of view, the outlook is not particularly good on *any of these issues, unless* Gorbachov chooses to make it so – and we do not know what may be going through the Russian leader's mind. Looking at the situation from the Kremlin, however, one might calculate along the following lines.

"There are a number of Politburo members, and others in the KGB, who *won't much like letting* up on dissidents and will argue that it would only be creating further trouble for the future if we do. But the idea of throwing out a few Jews and troublemakers to keep the Americans happy is not an impossible one – provided we get something in return.

"On Afghanistan, the war is costing us a lot of money and not a few lives, and is a constant drain on military morale. On the other hand we cannot afford to be seen to abandon our puppet government in Kabul without being able to put something reasonably pro-Soviet in its place. On balance, it looks as if we shall just have to stick it out.

"As for regional conflict, anyone who supposes that we are going to give up our rights to be a genuine global superpower, on a par with the US, had better forget it. We have worldwide interests and allies whom we shall continue to support. But the time is not ripe for a big stride forward. We do not have much money or energy to divert from more important domestic concerns to subsidizing new revolutions. We shall keep our end up but we are content for the moment for the Americans to have most of the hassle and odium of trying to maintain a position in the world's main troublespots.

"We would like to take the strain off our economy imposed by the present level of defence expenditure, still more the strain that a renewed arms race would cause. But if Reagan insists on trying to construct a really effective missile defence, we have no choice but to improve our own offensive systems to beat it and probably try to construct a serious defensive system of our own as well. We'll explore the possibility of some kind of deal on European missiles, if only to keep up the propaganda pressure on West Germany and the Benelux countries, but we shall expect something substantial in return. In any case unless the president is prepared to compromise on the strategic defence initiative no overall bargain worth talking about is possible anymore."

Scanning this list, the president may take some comfort from the prospect of relative tranquillity on the regional front – although it may not give Americans much of a positive kick. Apart from that, however, everything is going to turn on the SDI. And on this, it is pretty clear that Reagan has still not made up his mind.

He seems to have a deep *psychological compulsion – indeed* it is his political stock in trade – to try to "bring back the good old times" – which means, in this context, restoring America's sense of invulnerability. Unless he is ready to abandon something of this dream, however, there is going to be precious little to show for all the summit's promise.

By next summer this may mean serious trouble with America's European allies, especially West Germany. More seriously, from the *point of view* of the White House, it is going to mean unsatisfied American viewers. Disappointment, after the expectations which have now been aroused, might produce a liberal or a right-wing backlash – or both. But it certainly will not help Reagan to retain his authority for the final quarter of his presidency.

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

Fishnets and briefs

A Lawyer Writes: Today I would like to answer your questions on Christmas pantomimes. Many of these old traditional stories contain interesting legal points which are seldom, if ever, cleared up by the scriptwriters. As things are a bit slack in our office at the moment, I *thought I'd earn a bit of pocket*-money clearing them up for you.

When you rub a lamp and a genie appears, are the wishes he grants for you subject to tax?

I take it this is a reference to Aladdin and his magic lamp. Presumably he was subject to medieval Chinese law, which is not very clear on this point. To put it another way, I have no textbooks on Chinese medieval law to hand. But under English law, any jewels or palaces granted by the genie to Aladdin would presumably come under the same heading as pools wins, which are not subject to tax. The palaces, of course, would have to have planning permission.

However, if the genie grants the holder of the lamp only three wishes, this could be construed as entering into a contract. As the genie's employer, Aladdin would then be subject to National Insurance, pension schemes and probably VAT as well. If you should ever find yourself in possession of a magic lamp, I would advise you to see a lawyer before you rub it.

If you have a magic beanstalk which grows up into the sky, how far up do you own it?

Normally, anything you grow belongs to you. In Jack's case, the beanstalk may have infringed civil aviation regulations, if it grew high enough. On the other hand, there was no civil aviation in Jack's day.

The problem here is that Jack's beanstalk grew until it reached the giant's country and therefore became, ipso facto, an international highway. There seems to have been no operating agreement with the giant, which was quite wrong of Jack, as the giant was entitled to half of all fees recoverable from use of the beanstalk. Jack was also wrong, in law, to kill the giant, as this was what we call murder, though I am sure we could have got it reduced to giantslaughter. Anyone thinking of constructing an international beanstalk or killing giants, even in self-defence, would be well advised to *consult a lawyer first.*

When Dick Whittington turned again after hearing the church bells urging him to come back and be Lord Mayor of London, could the church have claimed a share in his subsequent fortune?

I think you have been reading too many American law reports.

Could Cinderella have successfully sued her fairy godmother for provision of shoddy goods which failed to work after midnight?

If they had been bought in a shop, yes. But the fairy godmother made it quite clear that the pumpkin and so on were programmed to revert to their original shape at midnight, and Cinderella had absolutely no grounds for complaint. She would do better to sue her wicked stepmother for clear breach of a party invitation contract. Anyone with a wicked stepmother and two ugly sisters would do well to consult a lawyer before doing anything.

What is the legal status of animals who masquerade as human beings?

Very complicated. A puss in boots would not have any rights as such; his owner would probably be responsible. A wolf who ate a grandmother and then dressed up as her could only be prosecuted for crimes committed *after* the adoption of the grandmother's disguise. A beast who later turned into a handsome prince might well find his legal status changed at the moment of transformation. It would be better to hire a team of good lawyers for this one.

Do people who sleep for a hundred years till wakened by Prince Charming have their legal rights suspended during that period?

I can't see why. After all, we retain all our rights while asleep at night and the duration of the slumber should not materially *alter* the sleeper's rights. But I would strongly advise all princesses who intend to sleep for a century to take out advantageous pension schemes to mature meanwhile. Any good insurance lawyer will help you.

What is the legal status of a heroine who marries a prince who is clearly a female pop star dressed up as a man? And who has a mother who is clearly a well-known male comedian? For the answers to this and all other problems, send for my new booklet, *Pantomimes and the Law.*

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TIMES PAST THE TIMES
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A SMALL GAS BILL

The privatization of the British Gas Corporation is crucial to the Government in two ways. Its proceeds will provide much of the so-called "negative public spending" needed to finance tax cuts. Its detailed terms will influence public attitudes to the sale of state monopolies, which remains controversial even though the general arguments for privatization are now widely agreed.

The Gas Bill, published yesterday, sheds little light on the financial issues and also begs many important questions about future regulation and competition. These will have to wait for the details of the intended licence to be issued to British Gas, on the British Telecom model, as well as for the prospectus and for ministerial statements on future policy on gas imports and exports.

The specific case for privatizing British Gas is in any case strong. Interference by successive governments has been haphazard, first artificially depressing prices and then forcing them up, only for the profits to be creamed off by the gas levy. The corporation's management has been unduly favoured and later discouraged by being obliged to sell its carefully nurtured oil interests. The status of effective monopoly buyer for North Sea gas has been used to give customers, particularly domestic users, relatively cheap fuel. But the combination of monopoly buying and selling power is a highly powerful and intractable one that is better entrusted to outside control than to Whitehall manipulation.

At first sight, the proposed regulatory regime is only partly reassuring. There is little wrong with the structure, provided that there is adequate coverage between the director-general of gas supplies and the separate new Gas Users' Council, which will have greater powers to investigate complaints. More disturbing, in terms of the as yet unanswered questions, is the evidence that Sir Denis Rooke, the formidable British Gas chairman, has won too many of the battles simply because of the time pressure the Government has put on itself. Powers of right of access to premises, compulsory purchase and exemption from some planning controls seem to remain intact from the days of state ownership, for instance. Such matters will no doubt be clarified in Parliament. Early reports suggest that Sir Denis and the sponsoring minister, Mr Peter Walker, have won most of the Cabinet arguments over pricing, competition and the degree of regulation needed in the relations between British Gas and potential competitive suppliers.

The regime imposed will need to acknowledge that the natural monopoly in gas is even stronger than in telecommunications, where some fast footwork by the regulators has not removed all the weaknesses at a time when the newly private British Telecom is naturally flexing its commercial muscles.

The planned control of pricing to domestic consumers is a better route than controlling profits or returns on capital. It will need to be more complex than the formula for British Telecom to allow for rising gas supply costs as well as an efficiency factor, so there will need to be more detailed powers over individual elements in the price structure such as standing charges and connection fees.

The decision to continue uncontrolled pricing in industrial markets is more problematic. This rests on an element of competition in gas (as well as with other fuels) which was allowed under the 1982 Oil and Gas Enterprise Act but has so far proved purely theoretical. For this to become a reality, the director-general will need to adjudicate fees for the use of British Gas pipelines and storage facilities and take whatever other measures prove necessary to achieve real competition. Much the same applies to the proposed new permission for other firms to be licensed to supply gas to new housing and property developments. The sale prospectus should therefore not rule out further intervention to promote competition.

The single most important aid to potential competition both in purchasing and sale of gas does not lie within the scope of the Bill, however. At present all North Sea gas must be landed in this country and imports and exports require the permission of the Department of Energy. Effective competition is unlikely while these artificial restraints supplement the natural monopoly.

DEMOCRACY ACCORDING TO MR XU

This week's meeting of the Sino-British joint liaison group on Hong Kong has taken place in less auspicious circumstances than those surrounding its first session four months ago. Last week's comments by Mr Xu Jiatun, head of the local New China News Agency in Hong Kong (and thus the senior Peking official in the colony) not only knocked 50 points off the territory's volatile share index, but sent a shiver of apprehension round all those looking forward to 1997.

Mr Xu remarked at a press conference, nicely timed before the liaison group's meeting in Peking, that the new electoral system being developed by the Hong Kong government might present a "very significant problem" because it might conflict with the new constitution which was being drawn up for the territory in Peking. It would be a "misfortune" for Hong Kong, Britain and China, he said, if they "created their own systems in different ways."

No doubt it would. But it would be an even greater misfortune for Britain and the people of Hong Kong if the possibility of conflict on this issue were not recognized early on. If the constitution being drawn up in Peking does not allow for the democratic electoral system in the territory after 1997, this should be made clear at the outset. If, too, as Mr Xu's comments imply, China is not prepared to contemplate a democratic system for its own people, even in the longest of long terms, this also should be made clear to all.

Every now and then China's leaders choose to remind us, without much self-consciousness, that they are running not a liberal democracy but a one-party Communist state. Usually these reminders serve as a salutary corrective to the notion – not uncommon in the West – that Peking is on the verge of forsaking Marxism, Leninism, Maoism and the rest and going capitalist. This latest attempt to bring Western minds back to reality has come at an awkward time for those hoping for a trouble-free 12 years ahead. But escapism does not provide a very lasting refuge.

One explanation for Mr Xu's remarks must be that he was making a negotiating gambit in advance of the liaison group's meeting – one of a series at which British and Chinese officials are preparing to monitor the transfer of power. But another must be that Peking is genuinely nervous about the new electoral system which is being introduced to Hong Kong for the express purpose of enabling it to look after its own affairs (as far as the Chinese will allow it to do so) following the end of Britain's colonial rule. That Peking would be wary of any dramatic change to a democratic system has always been apparent.

The effect of Mr Xu's comments will serve as a timely reminder to his own government as well. The Anglo-Chinese agreement which was signed last year is a delicate creature which needs careful handling if it is to survive. The warning may inject a note of realism into Sino-British dealings. If so then the warning will have served a useful purpose. If not, the British colony which China will inherit in 12 years' time will be neither as prosperous nor as well-administered as the territory is today.

AID WITHOUT UNESCO

The UK National Advisory Commission for Unesco meets today to deliver its opinion on whether Britain should maintain its notice to withdraw from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on December 31. The final Cabinet decision is expected next week. By an overwhelming majority, the Commission is certain to urge the Government to change its mind and stay.

In theory, its views should carry weight with its chairman, Timothy Raison, who is also the minister responsible for Unesco. It is composed of experts in Unesco's fields of activity, scholars whose respect for the truth makes them less liable to be tempted, as were MPs last week in their attacks on this newspaper, to kill the messenger who brings bad news. However, they have neither the brief nor the expertise to examine the problems of mismanagement and financial waywardness which are the real plague upon Unesco. Last year they opposed – virtually to a man – Britain's decision to put Unesco on notice, the salutary effects of which they will now cite as a reason for staying in and "keeping up the momentum of reform".

The central issues, well summarized by Raison in the House, are whether two years of negotiation have produced changes which will arrest Unesco's disintegration and whether they will be made to stick and, indeed taken further. To the first question, the answer is no. To the second, the most ardent advocates of Britain's continued membership pin their faith on a new Unesco committee which M'Bow insists "cannot exercise a supervisory role as regards either the director-general or the secretariat".

Opponents of British withdrawal argue that Britain has asked for too much, and has exhibited, in Edward Heath's words, "a nasty, narrow-minded nationalism" which "believes we can just tell the rest of the world what it should do". The truth is that the Government could more accurately be faulted for asking too little at Unesco. It has sought no constitutional amendment, not even the limitation of the term of its director-general, who refuses to dampen speculation that he will run in 1987 for yet a third six-year term of office.

At Unesco, a British decision to stay would be taken as proof that enough has been done, and would put an instant end to all hope of restraining M'Bow, for whom it would be a personal triumph. British departure may not save Unesco, but would compel further cold appraisal of the need for its thorough overhaul.

Supporters of Britain's continued membership do no service either to Unesco, or to the UN system itself, whose most responsible officials place much hope on genuine reform of an agency which they know brings the entire edifice into disrepute. But the most important principle for the cabinet goes beyond institutions: it has to ask what best serves international co-operation in education, science, culture and communications.

If it concludes that this purpose cannot best be served by remaining in Unesco, the Government should listen to the lobbyists in one important respect. It should announce, before the year's end, that its 1986/7 contribution to Unesco, some £14 million, will be channelled either into the semi-autonomous scientific institutes attached to Unesco, to which Britain can still belong, or into programmes operated by bodies such as the British Council which further Unesco's constitutional goals. The argument about Unesco has never been expressed in terms of a retreat from international co-operation. It has been about making it work. The use of the money earmarked for Unesco will be a test of British sincerity.

Time of remembrance

From Lieutenant-Colonel I. E. Kerr

Sir, You briefly reported (November 18) the laying of a wreath at the Bitburg war cemetery by a senior US Air Force officer as if it were something unusual.

Sunday, November 17, was Volkstrauertag, a West German national day of memorial for the dead of both world wars. It falls in the middle of November, traditionally a month of remembrance.

Representing my regiment, and therefore British Army of the Rhine, I attended two ceremonies on that day. The first, alongside the Oberbürgermeister of Krefeld, survivors and widows, commemorated both those killed on active service and the civilian victims of the Allied bombing of Krefeld. The second ceremony was alongside the veterans of the post-war Bundeswehr.

These occasions, echoing those taking place throughout West Germany, were mirror images of the British Remembrance Sunday service we held at the Rheinberg British Military Cemetery near Wesel, close to Krefeld. At that service the young men and women of my regiment were joined by my British military neighbours and representatives of the modern Bundeswehr and local civilian groups to remember the British war dead.

Since we could not move much closer together, it is significant that the theme of addresses at all three Remembrance Sunday services I attended, was that remembrance and thanksgiving for the sacrifice made by the men and women who died in wars which gave us all the freedom to remember those sacrifices together as Allies and European partners.

Yours sincerely,
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November 19.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cutting surgical waiting lists

From Sir Reginald Murley

Sir, It would be rather misleading to try to draw firm conclusions from Nicholas Timmins's figures on surgical waiting lists (November 25), but I would firmly commend the regular publication of valid statistics.

For many years in the NHS all my patients needing elective operations were given a firm date for admission and I never had a "waiting" list as such. But, even when each patient has been given a firm and mutually convenient early date, an operation "diary" can still show 50 or 60 or more patients awaiting early admission under each surgeon. Therefore, we need to know how many of the queues are partly or wholly made up in this way.

Most of the surgeons I have trained in the last thirty years or so have continued to plan their surgical admissions on the diary basis. There may still be a few areas where delayed admission is due to poor resources: sometimes it is due to "go slows", industrial action or those tiresome statutory holidays (a trades union device to increase overtime payments). But many waiting lists grow long from inefficiency, sheer indifference, outdated habits or plain laziness, all of which should be remedied by efficient management.

Of course, patients and their family doctors should learn to "shop around", though this is hardly encouraged by existing conditions within the State near-monopoly. If cross-boundary movement could be encouraged by appropriate credit transfer between hospital authorities there might be far more lively competition for patients. In that way we could begin to create a form of market system within the present highly insensitive nationalized service.

Yours faithfully,
REGINALD MURLEY,
(Past President, Royal College of Surgeons of England),
Wellington Hospital,
Wellington Place, NW8.

From Dr R. N. Ovenden

Sir, Nicholas Timmins's article highlights some of the difficulties for patients and doctors at the present time. In Herefordshire, in spite of gallant efforts by the surgeons, the waiting list remains unacceptably high with 72 per cent of non-urgent cases waiting over one year.

For example, the ENT (ear, nose and throat) department provides a very high standard of service, as do the other departments listed in the article, though under very high working pressure simply because there are not enough consultants and supporting staff. The district health authority requires extra funds in order to rectify the situation.

The Royal College of Surgeons will quite naturally only recognize ENT units for teaching purposes where a full medical team is complete, i.e., two full-time consultants.

Areas of sparsity of population such as Herefordshire are overstretched to provide these essential services. Unless more financial help is offered patients will have to travel 52 miles to and from Worcester, or further, provided another area will accept them for treatment.

General practitioners certainly prefer to have all their patients treated in their own districts.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS OVENDEN.
Chairman, Herefordshire General Practitioners' Council,
Stone House, Kingsland,
Nr Leominster, Herefordshire.

Clinical staff salaries

From the Vice-Chancellor of the University of London

Sir, An unannounced Government decision is putting at risk the internationally renowned quality of British medical education and research.

The Principal of Edinburgh University reported in these columns last month (October 30) that the Government had put the university employers of clinical academic staff in an impossible position by delaying a decision on providing additional funds to enable universities to match the clinical salary increases already approved and applied by the Government within the NHS.

After a year's discussion and waiting, it now appears from Sir Keith Joseph's statement earlier this month to the House of Commons on education and science expenditure that no extra money will be available for this purpose during the current academic year.

As universities are required to plan to reduce their recurrent spending by at least 2 per cent per annum for the rest of this decade, it is wholly impractical for them to find from within their existing resources the means to meet salary increases at NHS levels, currently running at nearly twice the norm allowed for pay in university funding.

The outcome will be that more of the most able clinical academics will leave the medical schools (for the NHS, private practice or work abroad), which will then decline in quality and effectiveness.

Unless urgent and full corrective action is taken by the Government, the quality of health care at the nation's major teaching hospitals will suffer, the quality of the education provided for the nation's future doctors will decline and the cutting edge of medical research which has done so much to help practical patient care will be blunted.

The universities ask that the Government take the responsibility in one field – education – for the consequences of its decisions in another – the health service. In breaking the long-standing convention for the linking of NHS and university clinical salaries, the Government has demonstrated a confusion of purpose in a key area of public interest.

Yours faithfully,
FLOWERS, Vice-Chancellor,
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November 26.

Making all plain

From Dr Magnus Pyke

Sir, When I was young, the League of Nations was the League of Nations. Today we have the UN with its WHO, FAO and embattled Unesco. The scholars of Southampton, under the banner of IUPPS, wrestle with their consciences, as is to be expected of members of the International Union of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences.

How is the ordinary citizen to reach a right decision about a proposal to redesign Cebaf if, as is only human, he forgets for a moment the ugly acronym's derivation from the Continuous Beam Accelerator Facility?

More relevant to those who care about their surroundings is to resist the ambiguity of Scope and come right out with the Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment. Worse still is the temptation to change what could well be the apt title of an organization, for example, the Advisory Committee on Nutrition Education, in order to construct a blander acronym from a joint advisory committee.

Let me beg you, Sir, to lead a campaign to do away with the whole ungainly fashion which confuses what it purports to make plain. BASIC computer language is more than basic in its reality as Beginners All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code. The archaeologists, on the other hand, would enlist more general support in their troubles if they gave up IUPPS as their unpronouncable banner and fashioned themselves a more elegant tabard.

Yours faithfully,
MAGNUS PYKE.
3, St Peter's Villas, W6.
November 26.

Conflict in prisons

From the Director of the Prison Reform Trust

Sir, Contrary to the view expressed by David Watt in his article today, the Government has made every effort to expand the prison system to meet the requirements of its "law and order" policy. Annual expenditure on prison building and renovation has increased four-fold since 1979 and by the time the new prisons are commissioned the prison system will have grown by 25 per cent.

The fact is that this expansion has coincided with a deterioration in the quality of prison regimes. Education, work, visits, even exercise have been curtailed. To take just one example, the number of hours worked in prison workshops has fallen by about one third during the 1980s, despite the rise in the number of prisoners.

As successive reports from HM Inspectorate of Prisons have shown, the Prison Department is regularly in breach of its own prison rules. To establish a civilised and humane prison system would involve a reduction in the number of prisoners and the redirection of investment away from the new prisons and towards improving conditions and regimes in the existing establishments. However, the most clear indication of the Government's current intentions is the deliberate flouting of a previously firm commitment to issue a code of minimum standards.

Because prisons, like hospitals, are covered by crown immunity, the opportunities for litigation to improve prison conditions are limited. However, assuming that the recommendations of the Prior committee are implemented, there is now an opportunity for boards of visitors to develop their role as the "watchdogs" of the prison system.

There is also a strong case for the establishment of a prison ombudsman to investigate complaints about the treatment of prisoners. An effective and independent grievance procedure is likely to do far more to defuse the tensions caused by prison overcrowding than any changes (however welcome) in disciplinary arrangements.

The Prison Inspectorate is currently carrying out an investigation into prison grievance procedures. Its finding should form part of the legislation which the Home Office is planning to introduce next year in the light of the Prior report. Reducing the causes of conflict should mean that recourse to formal disciplinary proceedings, just like recourse to imprisonment itself, is avoided wherever possible.

Yours faithfully,
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November 15.

Full to the brim

From Mr William Allen

Sir, Perhaps the non-completing PhD candidates are put off by encountering Professor Stephen Leacock's description of the degree. "It is", he said, "the occasion on which you are examined for the last time. You are then pronounced full and thereafter no further knowledge can be imparted."

Yours faithfully,
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Welwyn Garden City,
Hertfordshire.
November 23.

Much ado about not too much?

From Dr Paula V. Neuss

Sir, If computer tests have shown (report, November 25) that the lyric "Shall I die? Shall I fly?/Lovers' baits and deceits" etc was written by Shakespeare then it probably was. What really matters, however, is whether the work is worth reading.

Many people cope with their feelings by writing them down, but they would be very embarrassed to find their words published. The "inward pain" of unrequited love that Shakespeare feels he needs to relieve ("Yet I must vent my lust") by daydreaming ("I did walk, I did talk/With my love, with my dove") has not been dignified by the hard work a poet needs to put in to set thought in appropriate language and give it structure.

If Shakespeare had found this jotting in a drawer, he might have given it to Bottom to recite in "Pyramus and Thisbe". But he probably forgot all about it, and we should too.

It is no wonder that the Government is cutting funds for research in humanities so drastically if it thinks we spend our time "buzzing" (your word) about such trivia.

Yours faithfully,
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Anglo-Irish pact

From Sir Denis Dobson, QC

Sir, Peter Jay says (November 27) that Dr Garret FitzGerald made it clear in his television interview that the republic had withdrawn its claim to exercise jurisdiction over the whole island of Ireland. This is certainly not borne out by the passage which Peter Jay quoted, nor by anything else which Dr FitzGerald said in the course of the interview.

He appeared to rely on the opening words of article 3 of the Constitution ("Pending the reintegration of the national territory") as showing that until reintegration had been achieved the claim was dormant. But Dr FitzGerald did not mention the immediately following words in article 3, which are quite unambiguous – "and without prejudice to the right of the Parliament and Government established by the Constitution to exercise jurisdiction over the whole of that territory".

"Nobody can deny the wording of the Constitution", said Dr FitzGerald. No doubt this is true. The trouble is that it is difficult to see how that wording can bear the meaning which Dr FitzGerald and Peter Jay seek to place on it, nor how Mrs Thatcher (in Peter Jay's words) has managed to get the republic to withdraw its claim as formulated in the Constitution, which is, after all, still the fundamental law of the republic.

Yours faithfully,
D. W. DOBSON,
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Toasts at Emden

From Mr Antony Chinneck

Sir, During the early years of this century my father was in charge of the Indo-European Telegraph Company's relay station at Emden and Erskine Childers ("On this day", November 25) frequently visited his office when sailing in Friesian waters gathering material for *The Riddle of the Sands.*

The story of the mysterious comings and goings of the laden barges was no fable. According to my father the purpose was an open secret in Emden and he was made aware that *Der Tag* was prominent among the toasts drunk by the family with whom he lodged when he was not present.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
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South Croydon, Surrey.

A view of St Paul's

From Mr A. J. Mole

Sir, With reference to Mr Sitters' letter to you (November 16), I write as the partner of the firm of architects responsible for the design of the St Paul's Precinct to correct, after all these years, commonly held misconceptions.

Firstly, Juxon House does not interfere with the view of the cathedral's west front from Ludgate Hill. I should like everyone to know that the buildings were built strictly in conformity with Lord Holford's plan, and in fact the southern most wall of Juxon House is 18in northwards of the building we demolished for its construction, then called Wren's View.

Turning now to the matter of the public areas of Juxon House, I am sure your correspondent is unaware that not only was the gallery dedicated to the public, but also the walkway and gallery at first floor level, which was designed to link with the piazza. It may not be appreciated also that Lord Holford intended the sixth floor viewing gallery to be a most important position for television cameras upon ceremonial occasions when the Queen, coming up the processional route to Ludgate Hill, could meet the Lord Mayor at the south side of Bancroft House, where Lord Holford intended the Temple Bar should be placed.

Having been responsible for the design of these public areas, I too am upset that this amenity has never really been used, and also mystified as to the reasons why. Perhaps the City Corporation could explain.

Whatever these reasons may be, I would hope that ways may be found to use the space for the purposes intended.

Yours faithfully,
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ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 29 1814

This day was a milestone (one of a number) in the history of The Times *- and in that of the newspaper industry: both were to profit by the introduction by John Walter II of the first steam press. The installation was in secret for Walter was afraid that some of his workmen might demonstrate against the machinery. Deliberately he kept some at the office, giving as the reason that he expected some late news to arrive; then at 6 am he entered the press room and announced "*The Times *is already printed – by steam". The manual press had printed 250 sheets an hour; Koenig and Bauer's machine produced 1,000. The paper's circulation rose quickly and in addition it was able to go press at a later hour than its rivals, with consequent later news.*

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[FIRST STEAM PRESS]

Our Journal of this day presents to the public the practical result of the greatest improvement connected with printing, since the discovery of the art itself. The reader of this paragraph now holds in his hand, one of the many thousand impressions of *The Times* newspaper, which were taken off last night by a mechanical apparatus. A system of machinery almost organic has been devised and arranged, which, while it relieves the human frame of its most laborious efforts in printing, far exceeds all human powers in rapidity and dispatch. That the magnitude of the invention may be justly appreciated by its effects, we shall inform the public, that after the letters are placed by the compositors, and enclosed in what is called the form, little more remains for man to do, than to attend upon, and watch this unconscious agent in its operations. The machine is then merely supplied with paper: itself places the form, inks it, adjusts the paper to the form newly inked, stamps the sheet, and gives it forth to the hands of the attendant, at the same time withdrawing the form for a fresh coat of ink, which itself again distributes, to meet the ensuing sheet now advancing for impression; and the whole of these complicated acts is performed with such a velocity and simultaneousness of movement, that no less than eleven hundred sheets are impressed in one hour.

That the completion of an invention of this kind, not the effect of chance, but the result of mechanical combinations methodically arranged in the mind of the artist, should be attended with many obstructions and much delay, may be readily admitted. Our share in this event has, indeed, only been the application of the discovery, under an agreement with the Patentees, to our own particular business; yet few can conceive,–even with this limited interest,–the various disappointments and deep anxiety to which we have for a long course of time been subjected.

Of this person who made this discovery, we have but little to add. Sir CHRISTOPHER WREN's noblest monument is to be found in the building which he erected; so is the best tribute of praise, which we are capable of offering to the inventor of the Printing Machine, comprised in the preceding description, which we have feebly sketched, of the powers and utility of his invention. It must suffice to say farther, that he is a Saxon by birth; that his name is KOENIG; and that the invention has been executed under the direction of his friend and countryman BAUER.

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The penultimate sentence of the sixth paragraph of "On this day" yesterday should have read: "It became evident that the inertia of such a system must depend on its energy content, so that we were driven to the conception that inert mass was nothing else than latent energy."

Keeping Cottesloe open

From the Director of the National Theatre

Sir, Your report (November 21) on the findings of Lord Rayner's largely complimentary National Theatre scrutiny said that by further economies "the company could save £650,000" – this particular point emphasized by being chosen to headline the story. Yet put baldly like that the statement amounts to a serious misrepresentation of the facts. For the report failed to mention the crucial qualifications made by Lord Rayner.

One is that the annual saving of £650,000, even if possible, would take three years to reach. The other, the really big qualification, is that it is only achievable at last summer's level of artistic activity when the Cottesloe was closed, and the net cost of keeping the Cottesloe open – which we intend to do – is about £500,000 a year.

Yours,
PETER HALL, Director,
National Theatre,
South Bank, SE1.
November 25.

Service industry

From Professor Alan Thompson

Sir, Gerald Priestland (November 12) can rest assured that cost-effectiveness in military spending goes back a long way.

When Commodore Anson was ordered to sail round Cape Horn in 1740 to attack the Spaniards in Peru, he was given as his military force a body of Chelsea pensioners. When he complained that most of his force was over 60 years of age (and many over 70) he was told that their lack of marching power did not matter. Ships would carry them comfortably to the scene of action: all they would have to do then would be to fire their guns.

In the event, hardly any Chelsea pensioners survived the voyage. However, as one official subsequently pointed out, the high mortality rate secured a great economy to the Government in pensions.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN THOMPSON,
11 Upper Gray Street,
Edinburgh.
November 21.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 28: His Excellency Señor Milton Ray Guevara was received in audience by The Queen this afternoon and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Dominican Republic to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Señora Mary de Vicini (Minister Counsellor) and Señora Josefina de *Moya (Minister Counsellor).*

Señora de Ray Guevara had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Antony Acland (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Very Reverend Edward Carpenter had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his retirement as Dean of Westminster and delivered up his Badge of Office as Dean of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Mr R. B. Crowson was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to Mauritius.

Mrs Crowson had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

The Queen and The Duke of *Edinburgh held an Evening* Reception at Buckingham Palace for the Diplomatic Corps at which The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Kent were present.

The String Orchestra of the Scots Guards played selections of music during the evening.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlmen at Arms, The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard and a dismounted detachment of the *Household Cavalry were on duty.*

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel, this norning visited the 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards (Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Woodrow) at Lydd Ranges, Kent and was received by the Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding (Colonel Andrew Duncan) and the Regimental Adjutant (Major Conway Seymour).

In the afternoon His Royal Highness visited the 1st Battalion at Cavalry Barracks, Hounslow, Middlesex and was received by the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel Evelyn Webb-Carter).

The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Major the Hon Andrew Wigram, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

By command of The Queen, the Baroness Hooper (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the departure of the Governor-General of Canada and the Hon Maurice Sauvé and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf for Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 28: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning visited the Caldecott Community near Ashford, Kent, and opened Lacton House.

Her Majesty travelled in an Aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lady Elizabeth Basset, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain James Lowther-Pinkerton were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 28: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Goorkhas (The Sirmoor Rifles) this morning visited the 2nd Battalion at Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Church Crookham, Hampshire.

His Royal Highness, attended by Major Jack Stenhouse, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess of Wales, President, Wales Craft Council Limited, today viewed a presentation of products at Kensington Palace.

YORK HOUSE
November 28: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today opened a new factory for Graviner Limited at Colnbrook and later visited Celltech Limited, Slough.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Ivor Batchelor, 69; Mr George Cansdale, 76; Sir Eric Drake, 75; Professor M. E. Howard, 63: Sir Edward Hulton, 79; Mr Derek Jameson, 56; Professor Frank Kermode, 66; Mr Cecil Madden, 83; Mr Geoffrey Moorhouse, 54; Mr Toby Robertson, 57; Sir James Scott-Hopkins, MEP, 64; Sir David Steel, 69; Sir Peter Tennant, 75; Mr Alan Williams, 55.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. C. Mole and Miss C. J. Deboo
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and the Hon Mrs A. C. Mole, of Charmandean, Worthing, Sussex, and Carolyn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs S. E. Deboo, of Telham, Battle, Sussex.

Mr G. A. Wheeler-Carmichael and Miss M. J. Law
The engagement is announced between George Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Wheeler-Carmichael, of Skirling, Peeblesshire, and Marianne Jean, second daughter of the Hon Cecil and Mrs Law, of Broad Campden, Gloucestershire.

Mr R. C. Bache and Miss C. M. J. Alexander
The engagement is announced between Rupert Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Bache, of Astley, Worcestershire, and Cynthia Mary Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Alexander, of Eye, Suffolk.

Mr A. Beyki and Miss J. V. Sturdy
The engagement is announced between Antinoi, son of Mr and Mrs Firouz Beyki, and Joanna, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger B. Sturdy.

Mr G. Cole and Miss P. J. Heath
The engagement is announced between Gary, only son of Mr and Mrs E. Cole, of Stourbridge and Philippa, only daughter of Dr and Mrs L. D. Heath, of Copley Gate, Halifax.

Mr N. P. Cromie and Miss K. M. Newton
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Peter, younger son of Dr and Mrs B. W. Cromie, of Lettlewick Green, Berkshire and Kathryn Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. W. Newton, of Packington, Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire.

Mr W. W. Dobbin and Miss M. Craig
The engagement is announced between Wallace, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. W. Dobbin, of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates and Morag, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Craig, of Bathgate, West Lothian.

Mr G. M. Grant and Miss A. C. Pirnie
The engagement is announced between George, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. F. Grant, of Burrance of Courance, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire and Alison Claire, second daughter of Captain and Mrs I. H. Pirnie, of Caws Beck House, High Nibthwaite, Cumbria.

Mr J. R. Howell and Miss A. M. McLane
The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of the late Professor W. G. Howell and of Mrs G. M. Howell, of Fen Ditton, Cambridge, and Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. McLane, of Pontefract, West Yorkshire.

Mr K. R. Holloway and Miss S. Spencer
The engagement is announced between Kenneth, eldest son of Mr H. W. R. Holloway, of Broadstone, Dorset, and Shelley, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. C. Spencer, of Spain.

Chief Officer J. P. Mawson & Miss M. Goldstone
The engagement is announced between John, son of Dr S. R. Mawson, FRCS and Mrs Mawson, of Knodishall, Suffolk, and Michele, daughter of Mr H. J. Goldstone and Mrs E. A. Goldstone, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Mr P. M. Mockett and Miss J. J. Denchfield
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs R. H. Mockett, of Lyndhurst, Hampshire, and Julia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C. P. S. Denchfield, of Sutherland Street, London SW1.

Mr P. M. Molley and Miss S. A. Stubbs
The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Brian Molley, formerly of Sandback, Cheshire, now of Warrington, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Stubbs, of Alsager, Cheshire.

Mr O. J. Nicholson and Miss M. Villiers-Stuart
The engagement is announced between Oliver, son of Mr and Mrs John Nicholson, of 21 St Leonard's Terrace, Chelsea, SW3, and Marianne, daughter of Major and Mrs John Villiers-Stuart, of South Bestwall House, Wareham, Dorset.

Mr M. W. Orde and Miss S. Crossley Cooke
The engagement is announced between Michael William, son of Mr and Mrs David Orde, of Ritton, Morpeth, Northumberland, and Samantha, elest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Crossley Cooke, of Little Coxwell, Faringdon, Oxfordshire.

Mr D. N. A. Simpson and Miss J. Marr
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs A. N. Simpson, of Mewburn, Northgate, Northwood, Middlesex, and Jennifer, younger daughter of Mrs Helen W. Marr, of Hillcrest, Swanage, Dorset, and the late Mr G. A. Marr.

Mr R. L. Thomson and Miss R. A. Atchley
The engagement is announced between Robert Lindsay, elder son of Mr and Mrs Donald Thomson, of Burnley, Lancashire, and Rosemary Amanda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Atchley, of Epsom, Surrey.

Mr J. J. Wait and Miss P. A. Hitchcock
The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr and Mrs E. J. Wait, of Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, and Tricia, elder daughter of Mrs Gwen Hitchcock and the late Mr P. F. Hitchcock, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

Dinners

Caledonian Club
The Earl of Selkirk, QC, president, presided at the annual St Andrew's Day dinner held at the Caledonian Club last night. The Hon George Younger, MP, was the guest of honour.

Institute of Dental Surgery
The Department of Oral and Maxillo Facial Surgery at the Institute of Dental Surgery and University College Hospital last night gave a dinner at the Royal Society of Medicine to mark the departure of Dr Nalton Ferraro, who is to become a consultant at Boston Children's Hospital, Massachusetts, United States.

Two Cities Dining Club
Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, was the guest of honour at a dinner given last night by the Two Cities Dining Club. Mr Kenneth Dibben presided.

Arbitration Court
The Arbitration Court of the London Court of International Arbitration held its inaugural dinner at the Cumberland Hotel last night. The president, Lord Justice Kerr, presided, assisted by Mr John F. *Phillips,* QC, chairman of the joint *committee of management of the* London Court of Arbitration, and Mr Frank E. Rehder, chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

High Court Journalists' Association
The annual dinner of the High Court Journalists' Association was held last night at the Law Society Hall. Mrs Mary Bryn Davies was in the chair and proposed the toast of the law and the press. The guest speakers were Sir Gordon Slynn, Advocate-General of the European Court of Justice, and Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC. Among those present were:

Lord Justice Brown, Lord Justice Lloyd, Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Mr William Deedes, Mr Justice Mann, Mr Justice Sheldon, Mrs Justice Booth, Mr Justice Sheen, Mr Robert Alexander, QC, Mr Robert Johnson, QC, Mr Charles Wilson, Mr Colin Webb, Mr Peter Eastwood and Mr Richard Parrack.

Paviors' Company
Mr D. J. Hodges, Master of the Paviors' Company, presided at a livery dinner at Plaisterers' Hall last night. Mr I. J. Dussek and Mr M. C. *J. Whitby, Master of the Innholders'* Company, also spoke.

Society of Company and Commercial Accountants
The annual dinner of the Society of Company and Commercial Accountants was held on Tuesday night at Plaisterers' Hall, London Wall. The president, Mr Hopkin Rich, and Mrs Rich, were the hosts. The principal speakers were the Hon Eustace Gibbs, Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, and Commander Malcolm Campbell, Head of the Fraud Squad. Among those present were:

Mr and Mrs R W Cattell, Mr and Mrs G N Donaldson, Mr and Mrs F H Fearn, Mr and Mrs J Graham, Mr and Mrs M Howe, Mr and Mrs I R Hunter, Mr and Mrs B H Knox and Mr and Mrs J H Roberts.

Business Graduates Association
The Business Graduates Association held its eighteenth annual dinner at Glaziers' Hall on Wednesday, November 27. Mr Bruce Lloyd, chairman, presided and the guest of honour was Sir *Geoffrey Chandler, Director of* Industry Year 1986.

English-Speaking Union
Mr Alan Lee Williams, Director-General of the English-Speaking Union, and Mrs Valerie Mitchell, director of branches and cultural affairs, received the guests at a Thanksgiving Day dinner held at Dartmouth House last night. A reading on Charles Dickens was given by Mr and Mrs Peter Davalle and Mrs Beryl Cutts, which was *introduced by Mr Philip Howard,* literary editor of *The Times.*

Service dinners

Royal Naval Barristers
Captain A. G. Y. Thorpe, Chief Naval Judge Advocate, presided at the Royal Naval Barristers' annual dinner held at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, last night. The guest of honour was Mr Justice Farquharson. Other guests included:

Admiral Sir Simon Cassels, Second Sea Lord, Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Tippet, *Chief of Fleet Support,* Judge Waley, QC, the Ven N. D. Jones, Chaplain of the Fleet, the Lord Mayor of Cardiff and Rear-Admiral W. A. Higgins, Director General, Naval Personal Services.

Service Dinner
Royal Dragoon Guards
General Sir Robert Ford, Colonel of the Regiment, presided at the annual regimental dinner for officers of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own)
The Officers' dinner of the 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) took place at the Basil Street Hotel last night. Major-General H. S. R. Watson, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

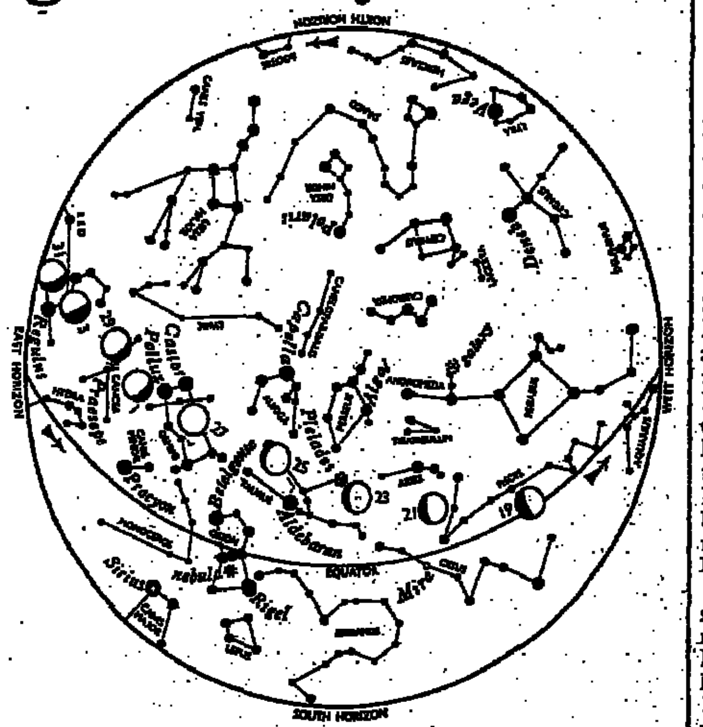
The King's Own Scottish Borderers Association
The ladies evening dinner of The King's Own Scottish Borderers Association (London and Southern Counties branch) was held at the Victory Services Club last Friday. Major P. B. de T. Rooke presided. The principal guests were Brigadier C. G. Mattingley, Deputy Colonel of the Regiment and Lieutenant-Colonel I. J. A. Lowis, Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion. A message was received from Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief.

TA&VRA for Greater London
The Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association for Greater London held a dinner last night at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea. Colonel G. S. P. Carden presided.

December night sky

Brightening of Halley's Comet

By Our Astronomy Correspondent



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

Mercury will be at greatest morning elongation (21°) on the 17th, when it will rise two hours before the Sun but will be difficult to detect in the twilight owing to its low altitude.

Venus will be rising barely an hour before the Sun but being a bright object it might be seen.

Mars is an inconspicuous object in Virgo, just north of Spica on the 2nd; Spica is blue-white and Mars reddish. Moon close to it on the 8th.

Jupiter is now well into the evening twilight and is hardly ovservable. There is a thin crescent Moon to the south of it on the 15th.

Saturn is now a morning star rising two hours before the Sun at the end of the month but difficult earlier. It is now in Scorpius.

Uranus will be in conjunction with the Sun on the 10th and Neptune on the 25th, so neither of these planets is observable.

The *Moon:* last quarter, 5d09h; new, 12d01h; first quarter, 19d02h; full 27d08h.

Algol: approximate times of evening minima are 1d20½h, 4d17h, 21d22h and 24d19h.

The winter solstice, when the Sun reaches its most southerly declination, is at 21d22h. This is nominally the shortest day, but there is hardly any change over several days; sunrise and sunset by the clock are getting later at the same rate of roughly a minute a day.

Halley's Comet is now a faint hazy spot just visible with binoculars to someone who knows exactly where to look. In December it should brighten a little and become visible to the naked eye, though binoculars will be very helpful and, for some people, essential.

Some positions on our map: 2nd, just above the P of the name Pisces; 12th, between the stars 3 and 4 of Pisces, counted from the right; 22nd, just to the left of the second star from the left of Aquarius. New *Moon is on the 12th,* so a day or two either side of that date will be the best time to search; expected magnitude about 6.

Remember to get away from all lights and stay in the dark for at least 10 minutes. At the end of the month twilight will end at about 18h and the Moon will not rise until about 19h, in the north-east. The comet will then be in the south and should be readily visible.

While looking for the comet during the dark period around the 12th a few Geminid meteors might be seen. They diverge from a radiant near the star Pollux and the maximum of the shower is expected on the evening of the 13th.

The starlit sky is now brightening up for the winter. The quite spectacular constellation of Orion, and other bright stars in the same area, will be up by mid-evening. Given a clear atmosphere the Milky Way should be well seen in the absence of moonlight. The western half is wider and brighter than the eastern as there is a greater depth of our galactic disk in that direction.

There are other hazy spots besides the comet, but as they are near zenith lying in a deck chair will ease the neck. The Galaxy in Andromeda (see map) is another disk of stars far beyond our own, at a distance of about two million light-years.

Between Perseus and Cassiopeia and in the Milky Way there is a double star cluster, within our own galaxy a mere 8,000 light-years away. At a lower and more comfortable altitude is the nebula in Orion, and that is nearer still.

Christmas Day has nothing special to offer, except moonlight to guide you home after the midnight service, and when the children are opening stockings in the morning there will be a rather inconspicuous Mars in the south and Saturn in the east. As is usual on this day, clocks and sundials (corrected for longitude) will tell the same time.

French protest halts sale of papers

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Twin disasters struck at Bloomsbury Book Auctions yesterday. Under the glare of television lights the diaries that John Braine, the novelist, had kept for the past 30 years failed to find a buyer. The bidding started £5,000 and stopped at £15,000 without a bid from the room. One modest commission bid had been received but Mr Braine was hoping for £25,000 to £35,000.

Working papers for his latest novel, *These Golden Days,* were left unsold at £1,300 (estimate £3,000-£4,000) and a group of occasional writings at £550 (estimate £1,000-£1,500).

But worse was in store. The sale of the last 75 lots of the auction, French eighteenth-century scientific papers, was cancelled after a claim by the French Bureau de Longitude in Paris that the papers belonged to them. Mr Frank Herrmann, of Bloomsbury Book Auctions, said yesterday that they had full documentary evidence to disprove the bureau's claim but had felt it wrong to go ahead with the sale when any doubt hung over title to the papers.

The papers of three eminent astronomers are concerned, including Dominique Arage, the man who established the length of a metre. They appear to have been among a large group stored by the Bureau de Longitude in a Paris observatory and forgotten about. The clearance of the observatory was ordered a few years ago and a junk dealer cleared the contents and sold the papers to the book trade.

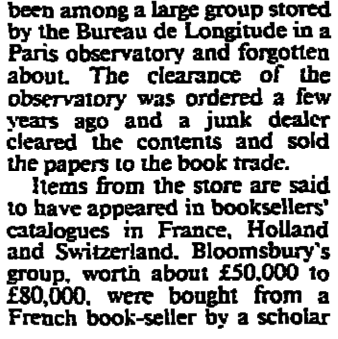
Items from the store are said to have appeared in booksellers' catalogues in France, Holland and Switzerland. Bloomsbury's group, worth about £50,000 to £80,000, were bought from a French book-seller by a scholar who researched their origins. Bloomsbury realized the interest that the papers might have for the Bureau de Longitude and sent them a catalogue.

At which point the bureau discovered that they had once owned them. The three astronomers concerned are Marie Jean Antoine Nicolas Caritat, Marquis de Condorcet (1743-1794), Jean Baptiste Joseph Delambre (1749-1822) and Arago (1786-1853).

At Christie's a collection of drawings by the Darmstadt Romantic painters had been sent for sale by a German collector and were nearly all bought by the Darmstadt Museum. It paid £58,210 to acquire 58 lots including "An ivy-clad tree" by August Lucas at £8,640 (estimate £5,000-£8,000) and "Tivoli from the East" by Lucas at £7,020 (estimate £6,000-£10,000). Most of the 888 lots in the collection sold, making a total of £76,030.

The top price in the sale of Continental drawings was £32,400 (estimate £25,000-£35,000) for a highly finished drawing by Giovanni Segantini, "L'Ave Maria a trasbordo". At Sotheby's drawing sale six huge watercolour panels depicting the adventures of Undine, the water sprite, by Leopold Bode of 1878 made £26,400 (estimate £5,000-£8,000).

Christie's were also selling important silver from the collection of the late Sir Charles Clore, the businessman. The 48 lots on offer made £260,636 with 8 per cent unsold. The most unusual lot, a pair of Charles II silver andirons, were left unsold at £22,000 (estimate £30,000-£50,00) and four Louis XV four-light candelabra of 1732 scraped £48,600 (estimate £60,000-£80,000).



The Queen has appointed the Earl of Airlie (above), who is the Lord Chamberlain, to be a Knight Companion of the Order of the Thistle. The appointment fills the vacancy left by the *death of Lord Cameron of* Balhousie.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Sir Nicholas Henderson to be Lord Warden of the Stannaries of the Duchy of Cornwall, in succession to Lord Franks, OM, who has retired.

Professor Ian Macdonald, professor of applied physiology, Guy's Hospital Medical and Dental Schools, to be Chairman of the Council of the British Nutrition Foundation.

Lady Ibbs to be a member of the Gaming Board for Great Britain from *December 1.* She *will* succeed Mrs E. B. Y. Hunter-Jones.

Mrs Anne Dunford to be Deputy Chief Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association.

Mr Anthony Glass to be coroner for the southern district of London from January 1.

Correction

Professor A. D. Buckingham was among the speakers at the annual *dinner of the Pembroke College* Cambridge Society mentioned yesterday.

Receptions

City Livery Club
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, attended a reception at the City Livery Club yesterday evening where he unveiled a permanent display of plaques depicting the arms and crests of ninety-six livery companies. The reception was given by Mr Norman Royce, club president, Sir John Welch, vice-president, and Mr Deputy Bernard *Morgan,* who arranged the display.

S. G. Whitaker Group
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by *the Sheriffs,* was present at a reception in the Crypts, Guildhall, last night to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the S. G. Whitaker Group. Other guests included the presidents of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the British Property Federation. The guests were received by Mr Charles Coward and Mr Clive Coward. Other guests included: the Masters of the Fletchers', Chartered Surveyors' and Plaisterers' companies and the President of the City Livery Club.

BBC award

A BBC Television programme on the moral and religious implications of euthanasia won the first prize in the Sandford St Martin Trust religious television awards, presented at Lambeth Palace yesterday by Lord Blanch, the former Archbishop of York.

A BBC *Songs of Praise* programme from *Taize,* the ecumenical centre in France, was runner-up. The programme on euthanasia was produced by Colin Cameron and the reporter was David Jessel.

Memorial services

Sir John Molesworth-St Aubyn
The Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall and Viscountess Falmouth and the High Sheriff and Mrs Hall attended a memorial service for Sir John Molesworth-St Aubyn held at Egloshayle Parish Church yesterday. The Rev R. G. Hayne officiated. Captain William Molesworth-St Aubyn, grandson, read the lesson and Mr Julian Williams gave an address. The Bishop of Truro also took part.

Mr R. Grey, QC
A memorial service for Mr Ronald Grey, QC, was held at the Temple Church yesterday. The Master of the Temple officiated. Mr Richard du Cann, QC, read the lesson and Mr Robin Simpson, QC, gave an address.

Latest wills

Miss Marjorie Kathleen Page, of Worthing, West Sussex, left estate valued at £301,244 net. She left personal legacies totalling £7,000, £1,000 to the Methodist Church, Goring-by-Sea, and the residue equally between the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the Salvation Army.

Lieutenant-Commander Francis William Hope Loudon, of Wye, Kent, barrister, who was High Sheriff of Kent in 1969, left estate valued at £593,261 net.

OBITUARY

MR RICHARD MARRIOTT

Reorganization of BBC radio

Mr *Richard Marriott, CBE,* DFC, who died on November 27 at the age of 74, was an influential figure at the BBC, where he was Assistant Director of Radio (formerly of Sound Broadcasting) from 1957 to 1969.

Richard D'Arcy Marriott was born on June 9, 1911, the son of Sir Hayes Marriott of the Malayan Civil Service. He was a scholar of Uppingham, and took a First at Cambridge in French and German. His command of these and other languages led him to posts in the foreign liaison section of the BBC in the 1930s, where he became widely known to Continental and Commonwealth broadcasters.

When war broke out he had a short spell, during some crucial months, as the BBC's man in Paris. But he was back in England by the end of June, 1940, as head of the BBC's monitoring service. This was largely his creation, and was to be of great value to Allied Intelligence during the war – continuing to this day as a source of public information.

In early 1942, however, Marriott left the BBC, along with two senior colleagues from the monitoring service, over a dispute with F.W. (later Sir Frederick) Oglivie. He objected to moving the service to Caversham and to Ogilvie's handling of it.

He joined the RAF, rose to the acting rank of wing commander, and was awarded the *DFC and Bar for bravery in* action.

The controversy was believed to be the main reason for Ogilvie's own resignation. Robert Foot, the new director-general, tacitly acknowledging the justice of Marriott's position, wrote to him inviting him to return when the war was over, and in 1946 Marriott became head of the European Liaison department.

After short periods in charge of the transcription services and, once again, of the monitoring service, he was appointed to a successful three-year spell in Belfast as Controller, Northern Ireland from 1953 to 1956. From there he returned to London as Assistant Director of Sound Broadcasting.

Marriott's writ now covered every aspect of radio, but his special responsibility was the programme output. He piloted the system through the difficult years of adjustment, as television came to dominate the broadcasting scene, and in the 1960s was closely concerned with the reorganisation of the service into four networks, the introduction of Radio 1 and the development of local radio.

Marriott was a man who disliked the limelight. But he was a powerful background presence, and had great influence in his own spheres.

He was created CBE in 1965.

His second wife, Dawn, survives him, as do their two daughters.

MISS CHRISTINA HOLE

Miss Christina Hole, who died on November 24, was for many years the leading authority on English folk customs and folklore, and the author of numerous books which introduced many to the traditional culture of England.

Miss Hole was born at Rickmansworth in 1896, and was educated at St Bernard's *Convent, Slough, and privately* in France.

Before the Second World War she was an organizer and speaker for the Conservative Party, and material for her first major work on folklore, *Traditions & Customs of Cheshire* (1937), was collected during this period.

During and after the war, in which she spent some time as Oxfordshire Women's Land Army County Secretary, she concentrated on her folklore studies and from 1940 onwards produced a steady stream of publications characterized by their gentle lucidity and common sense.

Her interests ranged widely and into *every* corner of folkloric enquiry. Thus ghost lore and witchcraft were described in *Haunted England* (1941); *Witchcraft in England* (1945) which was illustrated by Mervyn Peake; and again in the later *A Mirror of Witchcraft* (1957).

The various aspects of leisure, domestic and religious life were treated of in books such as *English Sports and Pastimes* (1949) whose impact lay largely in its very attractive illustrations; *English Home-Life, 1500-1800* (1947) and *The English House Wife in the Seventeenth Century* (1953); and *English Shrines and Sanctuaries* (1954). While other books dealt with folk ceremony and custom, folk heroes and folk tales.

In 1977 she published the first alphabetical guide to the subject, *British Folk Customs,* which described and located individual folklore events as well as describing the many seasonal folk festivals around the country.

In 1955 the Council of the Folk-Lore Society invited her to take on the Honorary Editorship of its journal *Folk-Lore,* a task she discharged until 1979.

For a professional writer this must have entailed considerable personal sacrifice, but Miss Hole's quiet modesty ensured that the Council was not unduly troubled by the problems which she must have encountered and overcome to ensure the smooth production of the journal.

MR COLIN CROSS

Colin Cross, who died on November 24 at the age of 57, was a journalist who served under two very different proprietors, Lord Beaverbrook and Mr David Astor, both of whom found *him* a remarkable man, and who at the same time wrote some successful historical works.

His first book, *The Fascists in Britain,* published in 1961, was an original work in that it anticipated later studies by treating Sir Oswald Moseley and his movement with coolness rather than anger. *The Liberals in Power* (1963) made a careful and *perceptive study of* the party's behaviour during the period from 1905 to 1916.

Cross was educated at Portsmouth Grammar School and Queens' College, Cambridge, where he was an exhibitioner and read History and Law. He went into journalism and was working as political correspondent for the Portsmouth and Sunderland provincial group when the *publication* of *The Fascists in Britain* attracted Beaverbrook's attention.

Beaverbrook's interest was in material it contained on the activities of the first Lord Rothermere. He had more such material himself which he offered to show Cross, and the upshot was that Cross joined the *Sunday Express,* where he wrote primarily on foreign countries.

The Liberals in Power followed, and in 1965 Cross joined *The Observer* as a feature writer with the colour magazine. The following year he published *Philip Snowden,* another lucid account of a turbulent career, and in 1968 *The Fall of the British Empire,* which traced imperial developments during the 50-year period from 1918.

Astor had discerned religious, even spiritual, qualities in his new recruit, and set him to work on the historical background to Christianity. The series that resulted, "Who was Jesus?", was one of the most successful in *The Observer's* history and was expanded into a book with the same title. A series on religions of the world followed.

Cross worked briefly as Washington correspondent, as education and religious affairs correspondent, as letters editor and, finally, as editor of the Observer Foreign News Service. He remained throughout his life uninterested in possessions, in clothes, food or wine, his sole indulgence being a pipe that rarely left his lips.

HAROLD COLLINS

J.R.P. writes:

Harold Collins, editor and critic, died on November 11 aged 86.

Educated at the City of London School and Trinity College, Cambridge, he was editor of *Verity* and of *The Adelphi* in its heyday.

He was a friend of John Middleton Murry, of Bryher and Hilda Doolittle, and later of G. Wilson Knight.

He published *Modern Poetry* (1920) and a study of John Cowper Powys, *Old Earth Man,* in 1966.

Science report

Electronic printer to ease bottleneck

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A development that should shorten the time for the transfer of technology from the research laboratory to industrial applications is being tried in Britain.

The object is to make more readily available, through a new type of electronic printer, the information compiled on the world's largest computer data base of scientific and technical information.

This computerized library of results of international research forms the Information Retrieval Service provided through the European Space Agency. It covers chemistry and chemical engineering, electrical and electronic engineering, biological science and space science and technology.

Academic and applied research laboratories in the United Kingdom can tap this central source of information, which is maintained at the agency's centre at Ispra in Italy, through a computer-communications network.

Using visual display terminals on the desk, scientists and engineers can scan rapidly through the files. Having determined what is needed, a bottleneck occurs in extracting complete copies of the papers and documents.

The solution under trial in the London branch of the service is the use of a new type of electronic printer. It is the first machine in *the world to use light* emitting diodes to form an image on paper rather than the more exotic laser method of creating pattern by a photochemical reaction or simply burning.

Dr Roy Kitley, who runs the British link into the network, says it is the only way that the vast range of requests for extensive extracts from the data bank can be produced on demand. The scientists and engineers in laboratories and design centres identify the documents required from their own terminals. They then ask the London centre to provide a printed set within 24 hours.

To meet this demand, some new form of high speed but economical way of printing technical material was needed. The equipment devised at Agfa's research laboratories at Antwerp, Belgium, depends on 3,456 tiny red light emitting diodes. They are held in a fixed bar across the page width and switched on and off by computer. A photo-sensitive drum rotating beneath then transfers the image by a straightforward xerographic copying process to the sheets of paper.

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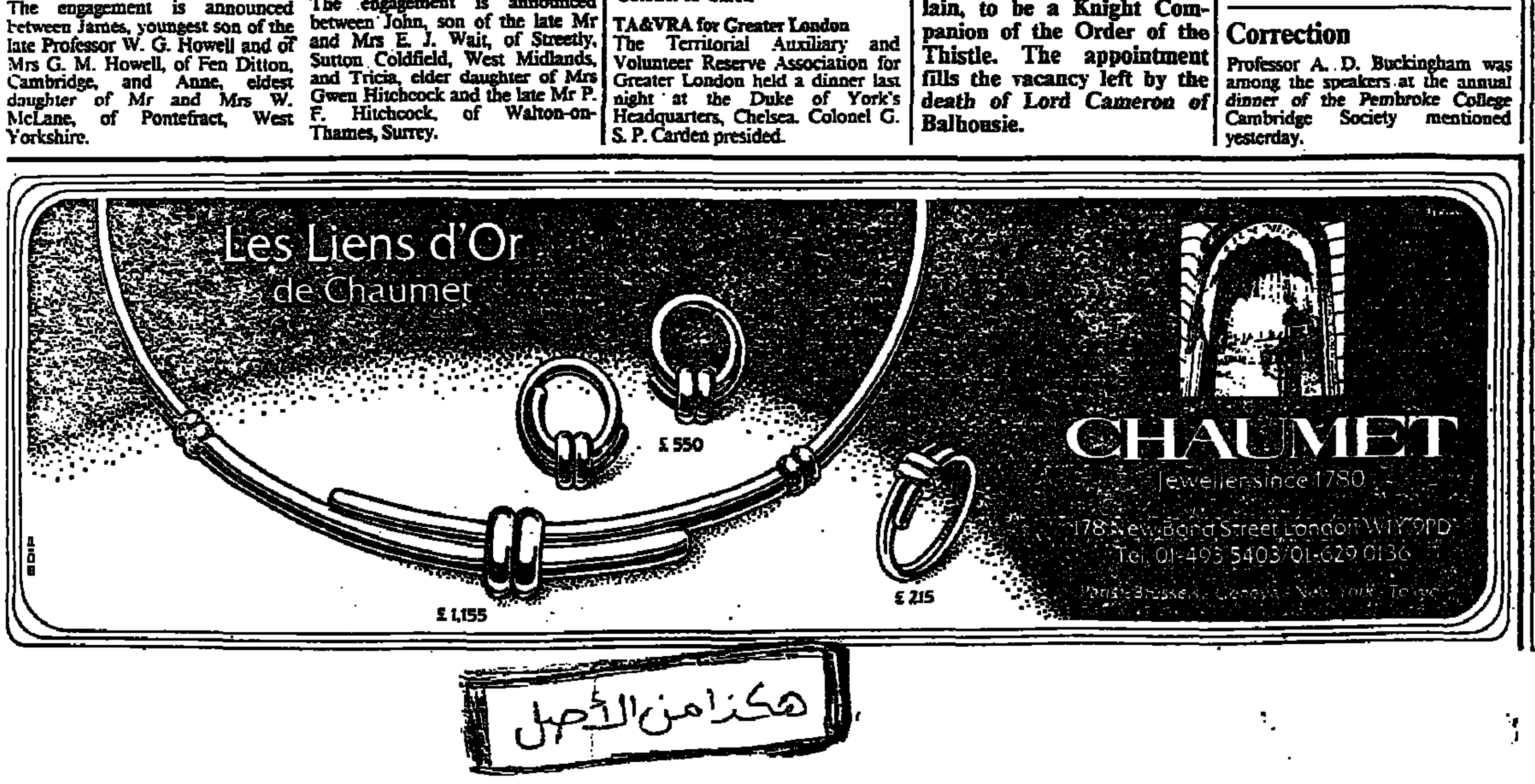
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THE ARTS

Cinema

Weird and wonderful things from out of the past

Agony (PG)
Camden Plaza; Chelsea Cinema

Santa Claus – The Movie (U)
Odeon Leicester Square

The Goonies (PG)
Warner West End

Pumping Iron II: The Women (PG)
Classics Oxford Street, Charing Cross Road

Turtle Diary (PG)
Curzon West End

The most spectacular Rasputin of them all: Alexei Petrenko in *Agony*

The best films of the week have come from out of the past. Revivals of silent films with live music, pioneered by the London Film Festival and Thames Television, have now become a feature of many major film festivals. This year's silents at the London Festival continue to prove that film history, though it sometimes needs a little revision, is rarely all that wrong.

The now customary Thames Silents presentation, by Kevin Brownlow and David Gill, with music compiled, composed and conducted by Carl Davis with the Philharmonia Orchestra, was King Victor's *The Big Parade*, one of the biggest commercial hits of the Twenties. It is easy to see its attractions. The first half of the film, showing the impact of the war at home and the humours and hazards of life behind the lines in France, must have been a vivid reminder in 1925 for young Americans for whom 1917 was still a close memory. The spectacle and devastation of the great battle scenes have lost none of their power.

The revelation however is the skill and charm of the main actor, John Gilbert, who rocketed to success with this film only to be eclipsed, with the coming of sound and the disfavour of Louis B. Mayer, the tyrant of MGM. Gilbert shows himself one of the great silent actors, as he reflects the hero's passage from youthful ebullience to war-weary embitterment. *The Big Parade* introduced for the first time the shell-hole encounter between individual enemies that became obligatory to Hollywood war films, and it was never bettered. In an unbroken three-minute take Gilbert conveys *all the* sensations and emotions of watching the death of a wretched German boy he has himself shot.

Among the new releases, Agony also in its way comes out of the past. Elem Klimov completed the film early in 1975; but the Soviet authorities, troubled by its departure from historical stereotypes, shelved the film for most of the next decade. In this case delay does not enhance the film: Klimov's introduction into his narrative of old actuality footage – wonderful material of high and low life in Imperial Russia at the onset of the First World War – was novel in dramatic films in 1975, but has become commonplace in succeeding years.

Nicholas II has traditionally been a stock villain in Soviet films: Klimov makes him an amiable, weak man, overwhelmed by events. Official Soviet history depicts the period in terms of clear, black and white political confrontation: what strikes Klimov is the utter chaos of the last days of the old empire. He is indeed to an extent defeated by the problem of depicting chaos without ending up with structural confusion. The film is a series of tableaux, vivid, colourful and often brilliant in themselves, but not easy to grasp as a whole without some clear prior knowledge of the history of the times.

The structural problem is not helped by centering the drama on the inevitably enigmatic figure of the mischievous mystic Rasputin. However elusive, though, Rasputin is irresistibly compelling; and Alexei Petrenko's wild and wonderful performance tops any of his predecessors in the role, who include, for the record, Conrad Veidt (1930), Lionel Barrymore (1932), Harry Baur (1938), Edmond Purdom (1960), Christopher Lee (1966), Gert Froebe (1968) and Tom Baker (1971).

The large budget expended on **Santa Claus – The Movie** clearly indicates expectations that it will prove a perennial Christmas show for the kiddies. The first half, describing Santa's appointment to his job, draws heavily on Disney. The North Pole toy factory has the same German peasant style as *Snow White*, down to the automaton pipe organ; and the elves who run it are led by a dead ringer for Doc. The production-line techniques, and even the rubber stamp of approval, seem inspired by the 1932 Disney *Santa's Workshop*.

At mid-point the scenario changes direction and the action moves to contemporary New York, to combine a *Water Babies*-cum-*Little Match Girl* tale about a boy waif with a more sophisticated anecdote about a villainous capitalist commercializing Christmas in a takeover bid from Santa. The spectacular sets capture the feel of fairy tale, but it is hard to predict whether the kiddies will take all this to their hearts (mysterious little organs that they are) and whether the Yankee Santa and Dudley Moore's misled elf will permanently establish themselves in the lore of childhood.

Old movies never die: **The Goonies** is Our Gang on Treasure Island, with its seven effervescent teenage heroes pitted against a gang of comedy villains in the search for buried Spanish treasure. Directed by Richard Donner, it is a Steven Spielberg production and conception, exemplifying the trick that currently makes Spielberg king of the movies: dazzle the young audience with extravagant sets (this is like the biggest ghost-train ride in the world) and keep the action moving at such a frantic pace that the hyper-excited spectator never has time to queston if it makes any kind of narrative sense.

Pumping Iron II: The Women turns out considerably more intriguing and taking than its 1977 masculine predecessor. The ambitions, anxieties and emotions are the same, it seems, for both sexes; but the question of what kind of bodies women should be building – pin-ups or androgynous hulks like Australia's sweet Bev Francis – raises deeper issues about gender-typing and the sexual war. However unconsciously, the contest judges – who provide Theban mechanicals-style comic relief – are ultimately as confused in their deliberations by these issues as the viewer is likely to be.

The fact that **Turtle Diary** is still so-called, though there is no longer any sign of a diary, is symptomatic of what has been lost in adapting Russell Hoban's novel to the screen. Both the zoological curiosity and the dark psychological exploration of the principal characters have been sacrificed in externalizing the original subjective portraits. Now it is simply a slight story of two eccentrics from the world of *Rising Damp*, who embark on a quixotic enterprise of liberating three turtles from the Regent's Park aquarium. The notion of their own incidental liberation is casually acknowledged; the characters around them seem only vaguely relevant. In these circumstances Harold Pinter's flip-flap dialogue seems a merely mechanical comic effect; while Glenda Jackson and Ben Kingsley have no chance to rise above John Irvin's dull, television-drama-style direction.

David Robinson

In last week's column the ICA was inadvertently omitted from the venues for *The Boys Next Door*.

Theatre

One for the suckers

Down an Alley Filled With Cats
Mermaid

Adam Faith's fidgety entrepreneur

Farce and the detective thriller both work, if they work at all, by encouraging our intelligence to lower its guard before delivering sucker punches which prove that the author really was thinking all along. Warwick Moss's crafty, dull two-hander, Australia's Best New Play of 1983, has elements of both these forms without being either funny or thrilling.

Second-hand bookshops, as Orwell noted, attract the most peculiar people. In a singularly spacious example of the kind, in a run-down part of Sydney, the charming old Polish proprietor (David de Keyser) is preparing to lock up and go home. Enter a flashily dressed, fidgety "entrepreneur" (Adam Faith) to claim the volume on the Napoleonic Wars which he earlier reserved by telephone. Alas, the book has since been sold to a man whose description he recognizes all too well; haring out of the shop, on the third floor of an isolated block, he finds the street door impassable. The proprietor surmizes that his vindictive landlord has changed the lock and that the two of them are therefore stuck with each other until tomorrow morning.

Swallow that, mate (or "mite", as Mr Faith accurately puts it) and you will swallow anything: a *Maltese Falcon* of a plot concerning a five-year quest for a medieval Chinese artefact, the present location of which is written on the front and rear flaps of the missing book's dust jacket (or dust-*wrapper*, as real book dealers say); a stiff which may or may not be growing cold in the shop's store-room; a water-treading meeting of minds between the cultured, dark-suited, bow-tied European with buried literary ambitions and the brash, white-suited, loose-tied New Antipodean who was raised an orphan (at one point, weirdly, their antithesis boils down to Krishnamurti versus J. R. Ewing). After much fencing and a couple of near misses from a loaded automatic, the two rogues agree to pool their talents and strike a patently duplicitous bargain. You are a card, Mr Spade.

It is not too much of an effort to ride the sucker punches when they come, although John Wood's competent production does contain the occasional felicity: when the proprietor stretches out on the floor to sleep, his unwilling guest creeps up with a sharp knife and a fat book. . . .which he considerately lays beneath the sleeping man's head before retiring to his own, well-guarded repose. More of this could have saved the thing from the impression of having been concocted by someone who has seen too many old films on television.

Martin Cropper

The Taming of the Shrew
The Place

By setting his Shrew story within the framework of a drunkard's dream, Shakespeare let modern producers off the hook of having to take the message too seriously. Long before the rise of feminism Kate's humiliation was felt to exceed desirable norms of male chauvinist courtship.

The best production I recall was Trevor Nunn's at Stratford, which boldly emphasized the travelling players who put on the play within the play. The Medieval Players, themselves a travelling company (30 venues throughout Britain since July), take the distancing process considerably further.

The play, after all, is filled with characters pretending not to be what they are, or persuaded to become what hitherto they have not been. So Kate and Bianca are played by actors, most of the suitors by actresses; Petruchio and Kate are first seen as the tinker and the lord, and there is not a player who does not take on two parts, peeling off a beard, switching cloak and sex as required.

The action is centred on an island stage, with drapes and stepped entrances, that harks back to the presumed out-of-London tours of Shakespeare's times. Company policy is to make use of contemporary music, and jolly madrigals, capably and funnily performed, mark the act-changes.

After an encouraging opening the main play takes a time to find its natural rhythm. The two sisters, Mark Heap and Graham Christopher, with their five-o'clock shadows, inevitably suggest the family of Cinderella – but echoes of pantomime are everywhere to be found. In the carnival mayhem that erupts with the arrival of Mark Saban's Petruchio, there is little opportunity for subtleties. Plates are tossed, tables collapse, voices are harshly raised. We are in the world of staged folk-tale where story and jokes are all.

Knowing Kate to be, beneath her farthingale, a six-foot male eases the conscience when the taming begins, and Mark Heap's bewildered maid, mouthing busily to herself, is an amusing performance to watch. The sex-change entirely undercuts the point of the submission speeches but with this play you cannot win in every act. Enough that Dick McCaw's production has brought such zest from the old work-horse and so many attractive performances from the cast.

Jeremy Kingston

Television

Bread and football

Brazil, Brazil (BBC2), the start of a four-part national portrait, demonstrated the working of the bread-and-circuses principle at a refined level. Inequality in Brazilian society flourishes on a scale which would gladden the heart of a would-be Marxist revolutionary, with industrial executives earning 100 times as much as workers and the inbred aristocracy protecting their uncountable wealth with political control and taxes around 1.3 per cent; the response of the masses seemed to be to live for football, animistic cult religion and the annual Rio carnival.

This was an intelligent programme which included vivid portraits of individual citizens as well as penetrating analysis by an anthropologist, an economist and other intellectuals. The last group were in no doubt as to the cathartic release of social tensions offered by Brazil's great mass spectacles. A football match is the only medium through which a Brazilian citizen can experience victory and social justice; the carnival parade was described as a glittering 30-hour exercise in symbolic equality. The producer, Peter Riding, resisted seduction by the panorama of sambas, tangos and Carmen Miranda head-dresses, and soberly pursued his quest for the Brazilian soul.

There seemed to be little of a seductive nature available through Russian television entertainment – apart from vast expanses of opera and ballet from the Kirov and Bolshoi theatres, for which the national network makes no payment. **Soviet Television: Fact and Fiction** (BBC2) was the second half of a portrait designed to depict both the medium and its society. The writer, Alistair Beaton, described Russian television's penchant for high culture as a staple diet, a leaning towards "elevating pap", but as the programme omitted to consult any representative members of the Russian audience it was difficult to judge how far this was a fair description.

The media was much more fully portrayed than its role in Russian society; Soviet television seemed to be petrified in the age of innocence which television in this country passed through in the early Fifties. Most of the material transmitted had originated elsewhere – of 39 original plays shown in a year, 35 had come from the stage. Broadcasting professionals were earnestly concerned that viewers confused soap opera with reality, and at the same time delighted that their conjuring trick worked.

Celia Brayfield

Dance

Aureole
Salder's Wells

The acquisition of Paul Taylor's *Aureole* is one of the most rewarding achievements of Peter Schaufuss's stewardship of London Festival Ballet. It is not a work on the scale of Ashton's *Romeo and Juliet*, but artistically it shares with that *Romeo* the merit of being choreographically on a level ahead of any other ballet added to the British repertory this year.

Aureole is harder for the dancers precisely because it is so simple. No story, no scenery, no effects; just five dancers dressed in white, dancing to music by Handel. Even the steps they perform are mostly very simple. Taylor has made them interesting by the clarity of his patterns in space and time, by the unexpected variants he puts into a sequence, by the close, comradely relationships he implies among the dancers.

Festival Ballet's dancers make a good shot at the quiet, humorous, joyful elegance this choreography demands. It would be too much to hope for the mixture of energy and ease that Taylor's own company give it (a London season by them is long overdue), but they do well enough to let the quality of the work shine through.

Opening the second programme of London Festival Ballet's small-scale season at Sadler's Wells, the cast looked more relaxed than when they premièred it on a bigger stage in Manchester last month. That is not altogether an advantage; if they can keep their easy movements but add a little more push, they will get nearer still to the ideal style. Matz Skoog's insouciance, Anya Gilbert's beguiling hip-swings and the quiet earnestness of young Theresa Jarvis are all pleasing.

A new cast in the *Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux* showed exhilarating style and zest. Trinidad Sevillano has an apparently spontaneous sense of line and phrasing that make her solos a joy to watch. Alessandro Molin partnered her with exultant strength and danced his own solos with buoyant ease.

The appeal of Ben Stevenson's *Three Preludes* has always eluded me, but Janette Mulligan dances the three lyric entries to Rachmaninov music with a cutting edge that goes a long way to counteract their whimsical sweetness. Alexander Sombart partners her handsomely. Peter Schaufuss attacks Béjart's *Song of a Wayfarer* with meodramatic intensity; the piece might yield its emotion more readily to a less demanding approach. Patrick Armand provides sharply-focused support in the secondary role. Alvin Ailey's popular *Night Creature* completes the bill.

John Percival

Concert

Moscow RSO/ Fedoseyev
Festival Hall

It was eminently understandable that the Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra should have been sounding a trifle frayed at the edges by the time they reached London on Wednesday evening: this was their tenth concert in under a fortnight, on a tour that has had them ricocheting around the country.

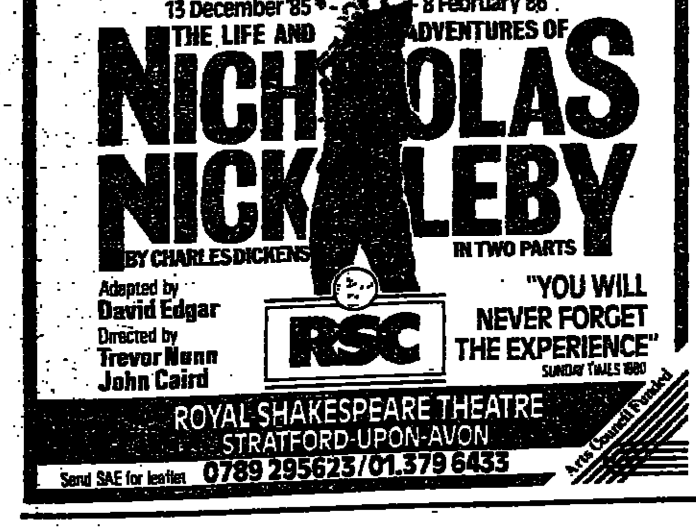
The brass, for instance, were generally very impressive, not least when giving a good fat Slavonic vibrato in synchrony, congealing into something with the substance of a solid if wobbly pudding; but there were times when they showed signs of recent abuse. And I doubt, too, that the violins always become quite so wiry in the top register, even in such stretching passages as the love music from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*.

Faults of this sort, however, could easily be overlooked in performances of such powerful romantic certainty as Vladimir Fedoseyev gave us. In Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto his weight, his straightforward phrasing and his dynamism many times hit the mark where a subtler approach can sound like pussy-footing. Mr Fedoseyev does not, under any circumstances, pussy-foot. And the work opened itself to his forcefulness. His brutally hammered rhythm at the climax of the first movement's development, for example, made dramatic sense of this shape's transference to the soloist, building up an energy that then whirled free in the piano.

The soloist was not Andrei Gavrilov, as had been announced, but the Soviet pianist Nikolay Demidenko, aged 30, who would appear to be a musician after Mr Fedoseyev's robust heart. He makes a big sound with a clean attack, but perhaps he, too, was feeling the strains of the tour, since his fluffs became more frequent, and the more ruminative music found him lacking anything very interesting to say.

The orchestra alone showed off their ability to breathe and move together in the Rimsky-Korsakov bowdlerization of Mussorgsky's *Night on the Bare Mountain*, and Mr Fedoseyev's own selection from *Romeo and Juliet* was well calculated to display his and the musicians' strengths. It will, in particular, take some while to forget the sheer volume they produced in the introduction to the Knights' Dance, with the dissonances jubilantly enjoyed and the attack led by a timpanist banging his instruments with the hardest possible sticks. Such decisiveness can only be wondered at.

Paul Griffiths



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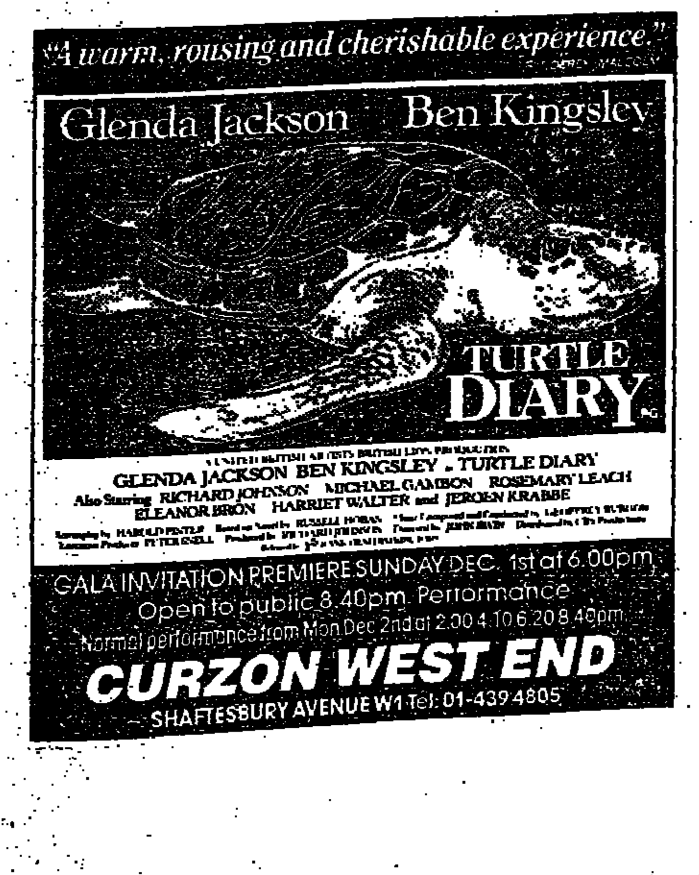

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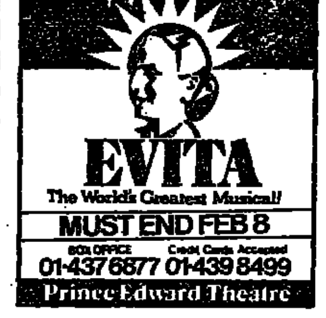

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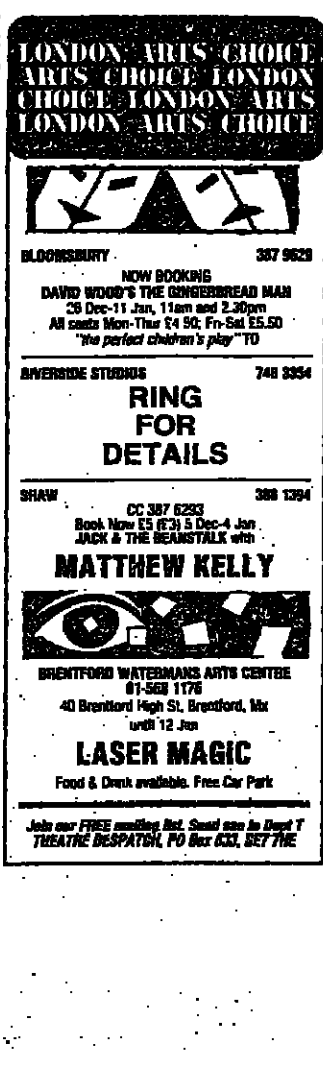

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13	Caird (A) & Sons	
14	Ellis & Goldstein	
15	S &U Stores	
16	NSS Newsagents	
17	Stanley (AG)	
18	Cantors 'A'	
19	Our Price	
20	Steinberg	
	ELECTRICALS	
21	Cambridge Elec	
22	Utd Leasing	
23	Pressac	
24	*Dubilier*	
25	CAP Gp	
26	Arlen	
27	Antosec	
28	Tunstall Telecom	
29	Electrocomponents	
30	Bowthorpe	
	FOODS	
31	Cullens	
32	Hillsdown Hldgs	
33	Cadbury-Schwepp	
34	Fisher (Albert)	
35	Nurdin & Peacock	
36	RHM	
37	Rowntree Mac	
38	Unigate	
39	Utd Biscuits	
40	Watson & Philip	
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BRITISH FUNDS

1985 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red. yld %
SHORTS (Under Five Years)							
101	98¼	Exch	11¾% 1986	99	..	11.754	11.333
99¾	96½	Treas C	10% 1986	99	..	10.047	11.226
96	91¼	Treas	3% 1986	96	..	3.107	10.728
100	97¼	Exch C	10½% 1986	99	..	10.520	11.157
101⅜	98¼	Treas	12% 1986	100	● -⅛	11.944	11.149
98½	94¼	Treas	8¾% 1984-86	98	..	8.635	11.178
105¾	102	Exch	14% 1986	102	..	13.667	11.095
94	87½	Exch	2½% 1986	94¼	-⅛	2.642	8.335
104	101¼	Exch	13¼% 1987	102	-⅛	12.978	11.169
99	95¼	Treas C	10¼% 1987	99	-⅛	10.344	11.006
93¼	84½	Exch	2½% 1987	92¼	-⅛	2.690	8.620
100¼	95¼	Exch	10½% 1987	99	-⅛	10.556	10.922
95	88½	Fund	6½% 1985-87	94	-⅛	6.853	10.518
99¼	94¼	Treas	10% 1987	98	● -⅛	10.128	10.985
91	83¼	Treas	3% 1987	91½	-⅛	3.279	8.729
102	98½	Treas	12% 1987	101	-⅛	11.796	10.932
95	88¼	Treas	7¾% 1985-88	94	-⅛	8.209	10.691
100¼	94	Exch	10½% 1988	99	-⅛	10.589	10.818
98	92¼	Treas C	9½% 1988	97½	● -⅛	10.000	10.804
87	78¼	Treas	3% 1978-88	87½	● -⅛	3.428	8.455
97½	90¼	Treas	9½% 1988	96	-⅛	9.840	10.903
102	96¼	Treas	11½% 1989	101	-⅛	11.304	10.811
97¼	89¼	Treas C	9½% 1989	96	-⅛	9.880	10.877
84	78	Treas	3% 1989	84	-⅛	3.586	8.406
99½	93½	Treas	10½% 1989	99	● -⅛	10.596	10.817
99	90¼	Exch	10% 1989	97¼	-⅛	10.268	10.863
101½	94	Exch	11% 1989	100	-⅛	10.949	10.851
88	78	Treas	5% 1986-89	88	-⅛	5.618	9.336
201	840	Convertible C	10¼% 198	104	..	41.37	31.61
108	101½	Treas	13% 1990	107½	-⅛	12.091	10.670
101¾	96	Exch	11% 1990	100	-⅛	10.938	10.786
109	100¼	Exch	12½% 1990	106	-⅛	11.791	10.719
81	75	Treas	3% 1990	81½	-⅛	3.701	8.171
93¼	86¼	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	92	● -⅛	8.958	10.483
101¼	91	Treas C	10% 1990	97	-⅛	10.298	10.764
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS							
108½	96½	Treas	11¾% 1991	106	-⅛	11.380	10.559
87¼	79	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	87½	-⅛	8.647	8.861
105¼	95¼	Exch	11% 1991	101½	-⅛	10.811	10.803
113½	100¼	Treas	12¾% 1992	113¼	-⅛	11.729	10.758
100	87¼	Treas	10% 1992	98	-⅛	10.306	10.652
104¼	93	Treas C	10½% 1992	99	-⅛	10.594	10.668
111½	98¼	Exch	12¼% 1992	109	-⅛	11.499	10.650
117¼	104¼	Exch	13½% 1992	115	-⅛	12.002	10.662
114	98½	Treas	12½% 1993	113½	-⅛	11.482	10.777
83	74	Fund	6% 1993	83	-⅛	7.304	9.285
121	106	Treas	13¾% 1993	115	-⅛	11.928	10.842
129	108	Treas	14½% 1994	123	-⅛	12.087	10.788
119	107½	Exch	13½% 1994	115	-⅛	11.839	10.907
113	98	Exch	12½% 1994	112	-⅛	11.470	10.872
98	85½	Treas	9% 1994	91½	-⅛	9.832	10.583
111	98	Treas	12% 1995	110	-⅛	11.280	10.867
71	61½	Gas	3% 1990-95	70	-⅛	4.277	7.473
101½	88	Exch	10¼% 1995	100	-⅛	10.597	10.783
112	105	Treas	12¾% 1995	112	-⅛	11.856	10.774
124	109½	Treas	14% 1996	123	-⅛	11.801	10.903
94¼	84	Treas	9% 1992-96	92	-⅛	9.801	10.467
134	120	Treas	15¼% 1996	127	-⅛	12.028	10.884
122	109	Exch	13¼% 1996	116	-⅛	11.436	10.889
121	107	Treas	13¼% 1997	120	-⅛	11.419	10.738
102	88¼	Exch	10½% 1997	101	-⅛	10.633	10.882
91	78	Treas	8¾% 1997	90	-⅛	9.902	10.491
132	120	Exch	15% 1997	127	-⅛	11.868	10.856
98	85	Exch	9¾% 1998	98	-⅛	10.310	10.543
73	70	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	77	-⅛	8.828	10.121
137	122	Treas	15½% 1998	134	-⅛	11.756	10.844
115	102	Exch	12% 1998	109	-⅛	10.951	10.822
97	85	Treas	9½% 1999	97	..	10.127	10.565
117	103	Exch	12¼% 1999	113	-⅛	10.976	10.808
105	93	Treas	10½% 1999	100	-⅛	10.491	10.493
107	91	Conv	10¼% 1999	99	-⅛	10.427	10.484
122	107	Treas	13% 2000	122	-⅛	11.066	10.616
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS							
98	95	Treas	10% 2001	98	-⅛	10.241	10.312
128	114	Treas	14% 1998-01	122	..	11.501	10.795
98	92	Conv	9¾% 2001	96	..	10.166	10.276
114	100	Exch	12% 1999-02	114	..	10.911	10.567
101	92	Conv	10% 2002	99	+⅛	10.214	10.285
98	94	Treas	9¾% 2002	96	..	10.152	10.251
128	112	Treas	13¾% 2000-03	127	..	11.193	10.634
113	101	Treas	11½% 2001-04	110	-⅛	10.558	10.364
101	95	Treas	10% 2004	98	..	10.198	10.238
53	45	Fund	3½% 1999-04	52	-⅛	6.608	8.679
97	88	Conv	9½% 2004	95	-⅛	10.087	10.219
95	93	Conv	9½% 2005	95	-⅛	10.000	10.198
108	94	Exch	10½% 2005	104	..	10.220	10.173
122	110	Treas	12½% 2003-05	117	..	10.675	10.381
85	78	Treas	8% 2002-06	83	-⅛	9.677	9.890
115	101	Treas	11¾% 2003-07	113	..	10.567	10.334

				Price	Ch'ge		
45	41½	Conv	3½%	45	-⅛	7.640	..
31	28	Treas	3%	30	..	9.502	..
27	23	Consols	2½%	27	..	9.305	..
25	23	Treas	2½%	23	..	9.864	..
INDEX-LINKED						(a)	(b)
117	105½	Treas IL	2% 1988	117½	..	4.295	3.065
101½	91½	Treas IL	2% 1990	101½	..	4.024	3.348
114½	108	Treas IL	2% 1996	113	..	4.031	3.764
103½	97	Treas IL	2½% 2001	99	..	3.838	3.687
102	96	Treas IL	2½% 2003	98	..	3.817	3.627
107	98	Treas IL	2% 2006	102	..	3.695	3.534
104	96	Treas IL	2½% 2009	97	-⅛	3.537	3.484
108	101	Treas IL	2½% 2011	102	..	3.590	3.446
91	84	Treas IL	2½% 2013	85	-⅛	3.558	3.424
99	91½	Treas IL	2½% 2016	93	-⅛	3.517	3.385
99	90	Treas IL	2½% 2020	91	-⅛	3.459	3.341

Prospective real redemption yield on projected inflation rate (RPI) of (a) 5% and (b) 10%

BREWERIES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
308	153	Allied-Lyons	301		+6	11.6	3.9	17.7
692	471	Bass	671		-3	19.0	2.8	16.6
61	38	Belhaven	43		+1	1.1	2.5	23.8
103	68	Boddingtons	94		..	4.2	4.5	13.8
678	258	Brown (Matthew)	578		+5	12.2	2.1	28.7
189	119	Bulmer (H P)	162		-2	7.0	4.3	13.1
530	407½	Burtonwood Brew	460	●	..	14.3	3.1	16.8
435	225	Clark (Matthew)	395		+5	10.0	2.5	18.0
745	417	Devenish (J A)	729		..	17.1	2.4	20.9
513	270	Distillers	511	●	+13	22.9	4.5	14.1
198	159	Greenall Whitley	182		+1	6.8	3.8	12.7
254	143	Greene King	220		+5	7.0	3.2	15.6
330	225	Guinness	304		..	10.3	3.4	13.1
449	324	Hardys & Hansons	408		..	22.0	5.4	13.4
65	53	Highland Dist	76	●	..	2.8	3.7	15.4
177	124	Invergordon Dist	177		..	6.1	3.4	12.9
180	120	Irish Dist	158		..	6.0b	3.8	..
63	57	Marston Thompson	68		..	2.9	3.2	15.2
239	179	Morland	234		..	8.6	3.7	14.3
338	105	SA Breweries	163	●	-7	..	..	..
194	129	Scot & New	193		+4	10.0b	5.2	13.2
40½	27½	Seagram	£30⅞		+⅛	41.1	1.4	..
410	258	Vaux	328		+3	14.8	3.8	15.7
330	184	Whitbread 'A'	267	●	+1	10.2	3.8	13.6
276	185	Do 'B'	270	●	+4	10.2	3.8	13.7
336	162	Whitbread Inv	218	●	..	9.8	4.5	32.2
413	270	Wolvrhmptn & D	390		+2	11.3	2.9	18.9
345	185	Young 'A'	230	●	..	9.4	4.1	18.4

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1985 High	Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
175	90	Allied Irish	175	●	..	9.0	5.1	..
88	48	Ansbacher (Henry)	85		..	..●	..	38.2
333	215	Aus New Z	218		-7	16.0	6.9	..
18½	9½	*Bankamerica*	£9	●	-⅛	..	..	..
365	225	Bank Of Ireland	355	●	-3	17.0	4.8	..
15½	9½	Bank Leumi Israel	£9½		..	..	..	..
280	215	Bank Leumi UK	270		..	15.0	5.6	15.8
444	301½	Bank Of Scotland	417		-2	18.0a	4.3	10.1
484	332	Barclays	447		-2	24.0	5.4	8.4

1985 High	Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
445	380	Brown Shipley	410	●	..	13.2	3.2	17.7
548	453	Cater Allen	478	●	-5	41.3	8.6	11.6
41	23½	Cattles	38		..	2.3	6.1	12.9
50⅝	34	Chase Manhattan	£43⅞	●	+⅛	384	8.4	..
42	27	Citicorp	£31⅛	●	+⅛	206	6.5	..
72	35	Clive	37	●	-1	1.3	3.4	6.7
54	27	Com Bank Wales	54		+3	3.0	5.6	11.7
75	42	Commerzbank	£88		-4	8.8	0.1	..
195	107	Deutsche Bank	£153		-6	1200	6.5	..
179	74	First Nat Finance	164		+9	..	..	11.6
372	204	Gerrard Nat	287	●	-2	14.9	5.8	16.7
80	55	Guinness Peat	76		..	2.6	3.4	19.8
195	131	Hambros	188		..	9.5	5.1	15.7
27	12	Do (50p)	22		..	95.7	4.4	18.4
371	273	Hill Samuel	343	●	+2	17.0	5.0	9.8
99	61½	HK Shanghai	85	●	+1	..b	..	..
283	233	Joseph (Leopold)	278	●	..	16.1	5.8	14.5
188	146	King & Shaxson	154	●	..	11.8	7.7	18.5
580	375	Kleinwort Benson	575		..	21.4b	3.7	10.6
514	348	Lloyds	487		-2	28.9	5.8	7.4
42	22	Manson	34		..	2.1	6.3	13.0
768	398	Mercury Secs	655		-5	22.9	3.4	10.3
492	322	Midland	434		-5	38.4	8.4	7.2
270	173	Nat Aust Bk	218		-3	..	..	..
724	567	Nat West	694		-8	37.6	5.4	5.9
90	68	Ottoman	£73		..	650	8.9	17.1
318	188	Provident	300		-2	18.7	6.1	18.0
80	58	Rea Bros	60	●	+4	1.8	3.0	17.8
116	92	Rothschild (J) Hld	108		+1	6.5	6.0	13.8
21¼	15	Royl Bnk Of Can	£17		+⅛	..	..	..
294	216	Royl Bnk Of Scot	288		+2	12.6	4.4	10.7
11	7	Schroders	£11½		..	28.4	2.8	16.4
78	34	Smith St Aubyn	40	●	-1	1.8	2.4	3.6
542	422	Stand Chart	452		-2	42.1	9.3	7.0
748	617	Union	643	●	-5	52.9	8.2	8.3
126	66	Wagon	125		..	5.0	4.0	16.6
51	35	Wells Fargo	£48		+⅛	..	..	..
260	240	Wintrust	240		..	6.9	2.9	16.2

BUILDING AND ROADS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
234	172	Aberdeen Constr	234		+2	10.5	4.5	14.8
280	230	Amec	248	●	..	15.7	6.3	9.8
60	29	Amcliffe	54		..	0.1e	0.3	8.3
128	82	Atwoods	125		-1	5.7	4.6	11.5
383	208	BPB Industries	378		-2	11.8	3.1	16.0
333	204	Baggeridge Brick	333		..	9.5	2.8	14.3
128	64	Barratt Devs	120		..	10.9	9.1	..
34	19	Bailey(Ben) Constr	27		..	0.4	1.3	5.4
151	113	Bellway	137	●	..	10.0	7.3	12.5
70	61	Benford Concrete	64		..	5.4	8.4	33.7
76	51	Bett Bros	76		..	4.4	5.8	11.4
925	545	Blockleys	880		..	32.9	3.7	12.7
606	408	Blue Circle	581		-2	28.6	4.9	8.0
240	194	Breedon&Cloud Hill	240		..	13.6	5.7	28.9
79	59	Brickhouse Dudley	72		+1	4.9	6.8	12.2
80	58	Br Dredging	64	●	..	3.8	5.8	14.3
22	11	Brown&Jackson	17		..	..	..	11.7
83	65	Brownlee	70		..	5.7	8.2	7.8
92	64	Bryant	92	●	+1	4.7	5.1	11.8
190	20	Burnett & Hallam	..	f	..	12.5	..	..
165	145	Calabrand Robey	150	●	..	4.4	3.0	26.0
81	58	Cement-Roadstone	79	●	..	3.0	3.8	..
70	42	Conder Grp	68		..	2.1	3.1	28.1
526	336	Costain	500		+2	22.1	4.4	10.8
325½	194	Countryside	322	r	..	8.2a	2.5	8.8
118	84	Crouch (Derek)	118		+2	7.9	6.7	25.8
116	60	Dew (George)	110		..	8.1	7.4	8.6
81	45	Douglas (RM)	78		..	2.5	3.2	13.9
71	58	Erith	69	●	-2	4.4	6.4	11.1
113	65	Fcb	89	●	..	4.2	4.7	12.0
82	54	Do 'A'	80	●	..	4.2	8.9	8.2
56	63	Finlan (John)	68		..	4.3	6.4	26.6
258	117	French Kier	252		+2	9.9	3.9	13.1
88	64	Galliford	79		..	6.3	8.0	12.8
115	103	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	110		..	2.3	2.1	37.3
270	204	Gleeson (MJ)	268	●	+2	7.7	2.9	9.1
119	89	HAT	105		..	5.4	5.2	10.9
57	24	Helical Bar	56		+1	..	..	11.4
48	33	Hewden-Stuart	45	●	..	2.3	5.0	9.1
171	114	Heywood Williams	166		+1	8.9	5.4	9.7
448	281	Higgs & Hill	443	●	..	18.3	4.1	12.0
180	129	Ibstock Johnsen	170	●	..	6.1	3.8	13.0
328	260	Jarvis (J) & Sons	285		..	25.0	8.8	9.8
348	199	Laing (J)	328		-18	8.9	2.7	10.4
348	198	Do 'A'	324		-20	8.9	2.8	10.3
99	67	Lawrence (Walter)	87	●	..	4.9	5.6	6.4
79	58	Lilley (FJC)	79	●	+1	5.3	6.7	12.0
314	196	Lovell (YJ)	314		+2	8.8	2.8	15.9
160	104	Magnet & South	144		+2	6.7	4.7	14.9
202	161	Manders	182	●	..	10.9	6.0	11.5
188	110	Marshalls (Halifax)	170		+4	7.1b	4.2	12.6
107	74	May & Hassell	102		..	5.4	5.3	..
338	232	McAlpine (Alfred)	328		+2	16.1	4.9	11.1
177	112	Meyer Int	177		+4	7.5	4.2	9.8
24	14	Miller (Stanley)	23	●	..	0.7	3.1	..
134	105	Monk (A)	127		-1	9.3	7.3	17.1
348	198	Mowlem (John)	330	●	+2	19.6	5.8	22.2
885	600	Newarthill	840		..	15.7	1.9	15.4
163	143	Nottingham Brick	158		..	7.9	5.0	14.7
800	600	Pearce (CH) Sons	700	●	..	11.1	1.6	13.1
128	95	Persimmon	125		+1	6.6	5.4	9.1
150	86	Phoenix Timber	104		..	4.3	4.1	3.9
280	180	Pochins	270	●	-2	18.4	6.8	8.0
508	342	RMC	502	●	..	18.9	3.8	11.2
358	258	Redland	357		+6	15.0	4.2	12.1
177	99	Roberts Adlard	155	●	..	8.6	5.5	13.1
225	145	Ruberoid	198		..	11.1	5.6	10.2
150	118	Rugby Cement	141	●	..	8.9b	6.3	10.4
273	132	SGB	262		+2	10.0b	3.8	16.8
97	62	Sharpe & Fisher	97		..	3.2	3.3	15.2
79	69	Smart (J)	73	●	..	6.2	8.6	15.5
409	227	Tarmac	380		-4	11.7	3.0	16.2
558	348	Taylor Woodrow	528		+3	21.4b	4.1	14.2
145	108	Tilbury Group	128		+2	7.0	5.5	11.0
338	225	Travis & Arnold	338		+4	11.3a	3.3	12.1
107	87	Trent	92		..	1.5	1.6	11.0
348	148	Turriff	150		..	10.0	6.7	27.8
195	135	Vibroplant	188		+3	12.9	6.8	8.2
298	128	Ward	226		-2	9.6	4.1	12.2
95	60	Warrington (T)	60		-4	5.7e	9.8	8.9
230	173	Watts Blake	186	●	..	6.0	3.2	15.2
79	65	Western Bros	68		..	1.4e	2.1	13.6
48	28	Wiggins	44		..	..	..	..
316	172	Wilson (Connolly)	316		..	4.5	1.4	15.5
141	97	Wimpey (George)	126	●	-4	4.6	3.7	11.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
33¼	23	AKZO N/V Bearer	£33⅞		+⅛	400	12.1	..
258	121	Allied Colloids	133		-5	3.3	2.5	13.9
383	273	Amersham	280	●	..	8.9	3.1	14.1
280	160	Anchor Chemical	186	●	-2	6.1	3.2	8.9
72¼	51⅛	Bayer DM50	271½		+2½	700	9.8	..
128	100	Blagden	114		..	10.3	9.0	8.5
134	104	Brent Chems	116	●	..	5.1	4.5	15.2
95	9½	Br Benzol	35		+3	..	..	38.9
117	78	Br Tar Products	108	●	+2	5.7b	5.3	15.8
107	79	Canning (W)	85	●	..	5.1	6.0	12.8
275	224	Coalite	271		-1	9.2	3.4	14.1
189	131	Coates Bros	148	●	..	6.6	4.5	8.8

ELECTRICALS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
	175	AB Elect	208	●	..	11.4	5.5	18.5
	63	Amstrad	194		..	1.3	0.7	14.7
	49	Apricot Computers	59		-1	2.1	3.6	4.7
	28	Arlen	57		+3	..	..	..
	195	Atlantic Comp	203		+6	2.4	1.2	11.3
	25	Audio Fidelity	60		..	..	..	19.2
	146	Auto Sec	160	●	+2	1.9	1.2	12.5
	185	BICC	248	●	-3	15.1	6.1	10.4
	43	BSR	65	●	..	2.4b	3.7	4.3

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Battle-wary Distillers goes for Broackes

If James Gulliver's Argyll Group does not bid for Distillers (DCL) next week, many people in the stock market will want to know why. On Monday, Argyll is released from the statement it made to the Takeover Panel in September about not having any "present intention" of bidding for Scotland's major company. The phoney war is over and the battle about to commence.

The appointment yesterday of Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House, as a non-executive director of DCL, is both intriguing and bizarre. Sir Nigel is a skilful and deft communicator and DCL certainly need that kind of expertise.

But at this late stage and as one of 16 directors on the DCL board, it is difficult to see, beyond his august presence and persuasive powers, the practical contribution he might make to saving DCL from a fate it clearly dreads. One cause of DCL's problems is unwillingness to be led from the front. Sir Nigel is not the confederate type, more a benevolent dictator.

The position of Kleinwort Benson as long standing advisor to Trafalgar House and recently appointed defence merchant bank to Distillers, no doubt explains a great deal. Sir Nigel also knows John Connell, the DCL chairman.

The appointment has clearly unnerved the Argyll camp which is at a loss to explain why an businessman of Sir Nigel's callibre should want to join a company about the enter a takeover battle which will be fought on the ground of management record. In that sense he has already earned his modest non-executive director's fee.

On the stock market yesterday Distillers shares rose a further 13p to a new all time high of 511p where the company is valued at £1.86 billion. The bid, when it comes, is going to stretch the credibility of the much smaller Argyll Group to the limits and Mr Gulliver must be cursing the day he ever agreed to that Takeover Panel statement. His opening bid must now be in the region of 530p and he has given DCL a valuable period to prepare its defences and to stroke the ears of stockbrokers and institutional shareholders.

Sales of DCL assets to help fund the cash element in any bid would help Argyll's arithmetic a little. There are a mumber of grand and valuable properties in London which are surplus to requirements plus BP shares currently worth £10 million and Bank of Scotland shares worth £17 million. Liquidating surplus whisky stocks which DCL has in plenty at a faster rate might ultimately prove self defeating. Nonetheless someone has to break the mould at DCL.

Yet DCL is plainly disturbed by the prospect of an approach from Argyll. The interim figures were brought forward by about four weeks, and the results, notwithstanding maverick accounting techniques, were good. DCL, which celebrated its centenary in 1977, is determined to remain independent, even at the risk of alienating residual Scottish support. There are mutterings in the glens: the pension fund contributions are being cut, and malt distilleries (10 of them) closed.

The stage is set for a battle of epic proportions. Who knows, what asset riches would be revealed by thorough going revaluations? Mr Gulliver may in the end suffer the double irony of having forced DCL to open up its treasure chest to a marvelling world, yet be cheated fo his "reward", because of DCL's sheer asset wealth.

The gasman's rocky way to Nirvana

When British Telecom was floated off, roughly this time last year, the household sector in Britain, which had been a net seller of shares to the tune of £2 billion every year since time immemorial, was offered the chance to buy some BT shares very cheaply. For an outlay of just over £300, the investing public, or simply the non-race horse-owning part of the electorate, could join the Government's first great privatization venture.

Thousands did. Purchases of company securities in the first six months of the current year totalled about £3½ billion. The tide of disposals looked to have been reversed.

But many other, more unpleasant things also happened at the same time that British Telecom was floated off. Money supply, which markets still cared about, looked to be rising out of control. Sterling slumped. Interest rates rose. One of Britain's most highly-fancied sunrise industries, electronics, took such a pasting in the market that its very existence at one stage was despaired of, judging by the severity of the bear raids. Arguably, too, the Bank of England suffered a terminal blow to its City standing, since the Johnson Matthey Bankers affair blew up just as flotation was starting.

Against the satisfaction to the consumer of owning a few shares which have shown a gain on the stock market must be measured the initial shock to the sector, the money markets, the exchange rate and the economic infrastructure. The inverted yield curve which stemmed from last January's exchange rate crisis may at the end of the day have deterred a fair number of companies from investing in new, equipment and people.

From the Government's point off view, the privatization of British Gas must seem a Nirvana-like way of acquiring painless popularity. The people themselves pay for the tax cuts by putting up the cash for the flotation and the marginal financial gain to the electorate of subsequent market improvement in British Gas shares is dwarfed by the boost the Government's popularity.

Yet the attendant risks are high. For a start, the stock market is now in a highly mature phase. Most traders accept that it is in the third leg of a bull market, and that the gains to be secured at this juncture may be slim. Chartists claim that major selling ought to take place sometime in the new year. This week's 20-point fall in the market overnight was just one augur of how relatively overbought London equities are becoming.

By common consent, the flotation of British Gas ought to take place sometime in the autumn of 1986, perhaps six months after the market has begun to peak. Presumably the official response to any weakness will be to try to offset it, either by a well trumpted easing of fiscal policy (since monetary policy is bound to remain tight to preserve the exchange rate structure), or by some clandestine support operation for the market. Neither course of action, if such remedies are needed, it would be constructive.

Already the large institutions are earmarking cash for British Gas. Liquid resources are increasing rapidly, and to the extent that these represent savings which have not been sterilized by gilt sales, they are available for on-lending to the banking system, with a consequent growth in broader monetary aggregates. The Treasury's move to suspend monetary targeting looks suspiciously like a pre-emptive strike to counter such market fears. But chronic overshoots in monetary growth have side-effects in yield and interest rate terms.

The stock market is also aware that the impact of large loosely-regulated state monopolies on the equilibrium of any given sector can be cataclysmic. Hence in the run-up to the British Gas issue, traders will be seeking to downgrade whatever sector seems likely to benefit least.

The independent oil sector, the pride of the early Seventies, will now be wondering whether it will last beyond the late Eighties. Already under pressure from the uncertainties of the oil industry's own problems and the vagaries of currency fluctuations it now faces the prospect of competing with yet another former state enterprise. First BP, then Britoil, Enterprise Oil and now British Gas.

It is not just British Gas's monopoly buying power which poses a real threat to oil independents. As a private company it could also buy in talent and dominate exploration acreage and who is to say that it might not try to return once more to the oil business from which it was unwillingly removed?

New rules to protect investors from conflicts of interest

By William Kay
City Editor

Mr Michael Howard, the Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, yesterday laid down the ground rules for the City to deal with conflicts of interest under the forthcoming Financial Services Bill.

One of the new law's main features will be that investors can sue firms which breach the rules.

"Investors themselves can seek redress for any losses they have incurred as consequence of a breach of rules," he told the annual seminar of the Society of Investment Analysts.

"This should act as a very powerful incentive for firms not to breach these rules of conduct."

This provision will be backed by the self-regulatory authorities which can declare a firm no longer fit and proper. Also, the Fraud Investigation Group will retain its powers to study cases of alleged fraud.

Michael Howard: incentive for firms not to breach rules.

Mr Howard conceded that the most important safeguard will be the requirement for companies to disclose material facts.

"The rules will require sufficient disclosure – particularly about the capacity in which the firm deals with its customers or clients – for investors to give their informed consent to the transactions intended," he said.

This will mean big firms must tell clients whether they hold a position in securities in which the client wants to deal.

Most leading firms are setting up compliance and policing procedures to ensure these conflicts are avoided.

Mr Howard explained the legislation would provide two "essential safeguards":

- All investment businesses will have to be authorized as "fit and proper";
- Principles will be laid down for the conduct of investment business from which rules will be developed by regulatory bodies.

These rules will insist that financial service businesses act with due skill, care and diligence, disclose material facts, have regard to the client's circumstances and put the client's interests above the firm's.

"This means that all investment businesses – from the high street insurance salesman to the City merchant bank – will have to be authorized as fit and proper to carry on that business." Mr Howard said.

Under the law the rules could be adapted to suit the needs of particular kinds of investment business. "In this way, the rules should enable potential conflicts of interest to be resolved and hence satisfy both market practitioners and investors that their interests have been properly served," Mr Howard added.

India thinks over offer by Westland

By Our City Staff

The Indian government is considering a new offer from Westland, the embatled helicopter company, over the proposed purchase of 27 civil helicopters.

Westland is offering to revise the technical and financial terms, taking advantage of grant aid from the British Government.

The announcement by Mr Arun Singh, the Indian defence minister, came on the eve of talks between Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, and his European counterparts over a rescue package for Westland.

Mmeanwhile, Westland is looking to Sikorsky, the American helicopter, to emerge as its white knnight. Westland would like Sikorsky to bail it out and acquire up to 30 per cent of the company in return. But Mr Heseltine prefers a European solution.

The chief executives and armaments directors of Augusta, the Italian state-owned aircraft company, Aerospaciale of France and the helicopter division of Messerschmidt-Olkow-Blohm, the German company, will meet Mr Heseltine today

If Mr Heseltine bails out Westland with European co-operation, it could lead to a re-structuring of the industry across Europe and ensure more future joint vennturcs.

The European manufacturers will be asked if they want to take a stake in Westland. The incenntive to do so stems from the fear of a US rival obtaining a foothold in Europe through Westland.

Gatt aims for 'biggest ever' talks

From Alan McGregor
Geneva

Eighty member nations of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade wound up their four-day annual session in Geneva yesterday with a decision to set up a preparatory committee for a new round of multilateral negotiations.

These will be "the biggest and most significant ever held," Mr Arthur Dunkel, director-general of Gatt, said.

The committee will determine "the objectives, subject matter, modalities for and participation in" the new round. It will make recommendations to a ministerial meeting in September.

There was no open confrontation on the issue of services, which the United States in particular, regards as a *sine qua non* for the new round while a number of developing countries, headed by Brazil and India, remain opposed to their being brought directly into the new negotiations.

The meeting simply agreed that the exchange of information on this sector, which includes banking, insurance, telecommunications and transport, should continue in accordance with the 1982 and 1984 Gatt directives.

The preparatory committee would begin work as soon as materially possible.

Saint Piran may have been in concert party, says DTI

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

Saint Piran, the company controlled by the controversial financier Mr Jim Raper, and Mr Stuart Robert Withers, a private detective may have acted in concert over aquiring shares in Westminster Property Group.

Inspectors from the Department of Trade and Industry investigating the tangled affairs of Westminster Property and Saint Piran concluded that Mr Withers, who had a 4.9 per cent stake in the Westminster, was acting for a third party and that that third party was likely to have been Saint Piran or someone connected with it.

But in spite of the fact that Mr Withers gave misleading information to the inspectors they say that their report does not give sufficient reason for taking criminal action against him or Saint Piran. Mr Withers says the inspectors' conclusions are wholly incorrect.

The DTI's inspectrs questioned Mr Withers who admitted that "he had only minimal knowledge or experience of the stock market before he began to purchase Westminster shares."

The inspectors found it difficult to accept that he should invest so heavily on his own account in a single speculative share in the face of repeated warnings from his stockbroker.

And Mr Withers withheld information on this until legal proceedings were taken

The DTI asked Mr Raper, Gasco, a subsidiary of Saint Piran's holding company, Saint Piran and Milbury, the company which took over Westminster Property, to write to the Handelsbank in Switzerland stating whether payments for Mr Withers' purchase of Westminster shares came out of any accounts connected with those companies.

Mr Douglas Allen, a close associate of Mr Raper and now chairman of Westminster Property, replied to the inspectors: "You have not produced to us any information to justify the connections which you appear to be making between Mr Withers' funding arrangements and the parties mentioned."

Mr Allen denies any connection between Saint Piran and Mr Withers. He sees no justification for the inspectors' conclusion that they may have acted in concert.

Westminster Property Group was sold by Milbury to Crinkeleaf, a Netherlands Antilles company believed to be connected with Mr Raper.

BA to take a stake in Docklands airline

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

British Airways is to take a stake in Brymon Airways, the airline that expects to operate out of the £15 million new City Airport in Docklands, east London, next year.

Brymon is about to be bought by its management from de Havillad Canada for about £10 million, and British Airways is making a trade investment in the new operation, it disclosed last night.

With five aircraft and 12 routes, plus a contract in North Sea oil, Brymon will provide BA with useful feeder services and a modest diversification.

Brymon, which operates a fleet of short-take-off-and-landing (Stol) aircraft from Plymouth, has been the prime mover of the new Stolport within minutes of the City from where it expects to operate services to domestic and European destinations next year.

- Cathay Pacific Airways intends to seek a listing in Hong Kong to introduce direct public participation. This was decided after consultation with the airline's shareholders.

SCM meeting delayed for court action

By Our City Staff

SMC Corporation has agreed to adjourn its annual shareholders meeting, scheduled for December 20, for up to 30 days after the American courts decide on its acrimonious takeover battle with Hanson Trust.

The American Court of Appeal will begin hearing oral arguments on Monday, December 16 as to whether SMC was justified in granting Merrill Lynch a "Crown Jewel lock-up option".

IN BRIEF

£216m offer extended

Guinness Peat, the banking and insurance group, yesterday extended its £216 million offer for Britannia Arrow until December 17. It told shareholders that its offer "fully valued" Britannia Arrow.

The offer values each Britannia share at 144p but yesterday the shares were trading at 148p, reflecting hopes of a higher offer. But Guinness Peat said yesterday that it saw "no reason for anyone to match our offer".

Britannia's recent acquisition had been in sectors normally given low multiples on the stock market.

Guinness Peat also criticized Britannia's advertising campaign as "wastefully expensive".

Tozer target

Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn (Holdings) is to raise £12.6 million through a rights issue of 8.5 per cent convertible cumulative preference shares on the basis of three for every 10 ordinary shares held at 40p.

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Redland ahead

Redland, the building materials group, has increased pretax profits to £50.7 million from £48.3 million for the half year to September 28. Turnover rrose to £603.9 million from £565 million. The interim dividend is increased by 10 per cent to 3.99325p.

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Bank profits

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group has increased pretax profits to £166.3 million for the year to September 30, up from £131.3 million. The dividend rises to 9.6p from an adjusted 8.1p last time. Tempus, page 23.

The offer for sale of Abbott Mead Vickers, the advertising agency, was heavily oversubscribed when application lists closed yesterday.

Bid continues

C H Beazer, the Bath housebuilder and contractor, is going ahead with its offer for French Kier despite Kier's raised bid for Abbey, the Dublin housebuilder. Beazer had reserved the right to withdraw its bid, if Kier raised its offer for Abbey.

'No let-up'

Interest rates will have to stay high to prop up sterling, Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, claims in its latest monthly economic forecast. Mr Stephen Lewis, the chief economist, says that the Government has changed its mix of economic policies, progressively relaxing budgetary policy, and relying on high short-term interest rates to support sterling.

Silver price decline 'to continue'

By Lawrence Lever

Increasing surplusses and a fall in industrial demand mean that silver prices will continue to decline in 1986 and 1987, according to the Shearson Lehman Brothers' *Annual Review of the World Silver Industry*, published yesterday.

The review also highlights the breakdown of the dollar/silver ratio as a contributing factor. The recent decline in the dollar has not produced a corresponding upsurge in silver prices.

Shearson Lehman Brothers is forecasting silver surplusses of 2,875 tonnes in 1985, an increase of more than 50 per cent on last year's level. This is based on anticipated total supply of 14,825 tonnes, with demand, only marginally increased from last year's level, reaching 12,238 tonnes.

The review says: "Silver prices will not appreciate in real terms for a number of years

The conclusions from the review contrast sharply with those of Credit Suisse, who released a report last week claiming that an increasing demand for silver which was outstripping supply, meant that prices would shortly increase.

Redland pleases market

Shares in Redland, the brick and building materials group, rose 10p to 358p yesterday after it reported pretax profits of £50.7 million for the half-year to September 28 (£48.3 million).

Redland said that increased demand for many products enabled a higher profit to be reported by the British construction materials division.

"Second-half trading in the UK has started well, and in the absence of a repetition of last year's exceptionally bad weather, profits will show an increase."

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	1133.0 (−5.9)
FT All Share	n/a (−)
FT Govt Securities	83.95 (+0.02)
FT-SE 100	1429.3 (−8.7)
Bargains	25,909
Datastream USM	109.05 (−0.25)
New York	
Closed	
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12741.19 (−36.65)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1685.50 (−20.88)
Amsterdam:	239.7 (+1.6)
Sydney: AO	991.5 (−3.1)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1736.0 (−4.0)
Brussels:	
General	960.48 (−13.09)
Paris: CAC	249.7 (+1.0)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $326.75pm–$326.30
close $326.25–$326.75(£220.75-£221.25)
New York:
Comex (Wednesday's figures)$326.65

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Cifer	10p + 2p
Blundell-permo	176p + 29p
Stothert & Pitt	195p + 35p
Metal Closures	130p + 14p
Pineapple Dance	38p + 4p
Burgess Prods	136p + 14p
Bolton Textile	20p + 2p
Jebsens Drilling	33p + 3p
British Benzol	35p + 3p
Brown Bov Kent	78p + 6p
Yellowhammer	136p + 10p
Radio City A NV	28p + 2p
Caird A & Sons	42p + 3p
Star Computer	43p + 3p
Munton Bros	7.50p + 0.50p
Grand Cent Invs	23p + 1.50p
Leeds Group	190p + 12p
First Cstl Eltn	112p + 7p
Ramco Oil Servs	33p + 2p
Supra Group	43.50p + 2.50p
FALLS:	
Baynes Charles	28p − 6p
Metal Sciences	5.50p − 1p
New London Oil	55p − 8p
Micro Business Sys	37p − 5p
Steaua Romana RV	17p − 2p
Oceonics Group	44p − 5p

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.4787 (+0.0042))
£: DM 3.7398(−0.0090))
£: SwFr 3.0895(+0.0127))
£: FFr 11.4115(−0.0039))
£: Yen 297.93(+1.80))
£ Index: 80.6(+0.1))
New York:
(Wednesday's figures)
£: $1.4695
$: DM 2.5445)
$ Index: 126.5(−0.4))
ECU £0.591408
SDR £0.741385

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 11½%
3-month Interbank 11⅝–11 9/16%
3-month eligible bills:
buying rate 11 9/32–11 1/32
US:
Prime Rate 9.50%
Federal Funds 8¾%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.16–7.14%
30-year bond price 99 1/16–99 25/32

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VIDEO RECORDER	FERGUSON 3V42 Multi-event stereo video recorder with remote control. Made in Japan	COMET	£459.90	£407.68	£52.22
MICROWAVE	TOSHIBA ER7700 Table-top model, 0.95 cu. ft., 9 power settings, incl. super stirrer fan. Made in UK/Japan	CURRYS	£289.90	£250.00	£39.63
FURNITURE	CONTOUR LYDIA HIGH BACK SUITE 3 seat settee and 2 armchairs in Tartug Coral cover (Made to order) Made in UK	QUEENSBURY	£693.95	£628.51	£71.44
PERSONAL COMPUTER	AMSTRAD PCW 8256 Personal computer/word processor with monitor and NLQ printer. Made in Korea	DIXONS	£458.85	£410.44	£48.41
TELEPHONE	BRITISH TELECOM SCEPTRE Push-button phone, 10 No. memory, clock, calc timer and LCD. BT Approved. Made in UK	BOOTS	£69.95	£57.25	£12.70

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Wall Street closed for Thanksgiving Day

Cannon leads race for Thorn EMI screen division

By Jeremy Warner Business Correspondent

Ownership of Thorn EMI Screen Entertainment Tese, one of the world's largest film companies with interests ranging from the ABC cinema chain to the Elstree film studios, is about to change hands in a deal worth about £100 million.

Cannon, a United States company which owns the Classic and Star cinema chains in Britain, is poised to sign heads of agreement with Thorn.

The Rank Organisation, which owns the Odeon chain of cinemas, and Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of Mirror Group Newspapers, are trying to head off the deal with their own late bids.

Both Cannon and Rank are understood to believe that any deal that is struck over Tese would escape a Monopolies and Mergers Commission reference after seeking guidance from the Office of Fair Trading.

The Association of Independent (Film) Producers regards the prospect of a merger between the ABC cinemas and either the Odeon or the Classic and Star chains with "extreme concern".

Tese and Rank double up on about 30 cinema locations and it is thought inevitable that one cinema in each of these locations would face closure if the two organizations were to merge.

A merger between Rank and Teses would give Rank about 55 per cent of the film exhibition market adding about 20 million a year to Rank's present 12 million admissions.

Thorn EMI wanted to sell the division to a management consortium led by Tese's chief executive, Mr Gary Dartnall. But the management bid which was being organized by County Bank, has fallen well short of the other offers so far.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission ruled in 1983 that the duopoly control of film exhibition in Britain by Rank, through the Odeon chain, and Teses, through the ABC chain, was against the public interest.

The Commission's report ruled that the use of both "barring" and "alignment" practiced by Rank and Tese in their cinemas, should not be allowed. However, beyond and experimental scheme in Glasgow and Manchester, the Government has so far failed to act on the recommendations.

"Barring" involves delaying the release of popular films to exhibitors other than ABC and Odeon for a period of up to six weeks. "Alignment" refers to the arrangements that the two chains have with film studios in the US for exclusively exhibiting their product in Britain.

Regulatory group for unit trusts

By Lawrence Lever

The movement towards self-regulation in the marketing of unit trusts and life assurance advanced yesterday with the appointment of experts to a steering group.

The Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation's steering group will meet for the first time on Tuesday to formulate plans for the establishment of Lautro as a self-regulatory organization in anticipation of the provisions of the Financial Services Bill.

The committee's job will be to determine rules for membership and procedures for complaints and disciplinary matters, and to provide detailed marketing and investment regulations for life assurance and unit trusts.

Members of the group, which will be chaired by Mr Barry Sherlock, general manager of Equitable Life, include Mr Richard Zamboni, managing director of Sun Life Assurance Society, Mr Clive Fenn-Smith, chairman of the Unit Trust Association and Mr Marshall Field consultant to the Marketing of Investments board organising committee

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 85	88.57	88.57	88.53	88.55	212
Mar 86	89.18	89.18	89.13	89.15	861
Jun 86	89.50	89.50	89.48	89.49	138
Sep 86	89.62	89.62	89.60	89.64	125
Dec 86	89.55	89.55	89.54	89.60	18
Mar 87	NT			89.52	0
Previous day's total open interest 7625					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Dec 85	92.00	92.00	91.96	91.97	643
Mar 86	91.99	91.99	91.95	91.97	656
Jun 86	91.79	91.81	91.78	91.79	94
Sep 86	91.50	91.50	91.49	91.49	85
Dec 86	91.19	91.19	91.19	91.19	10
Mar 87	NT			90.89	0
Previous day's total open interest 21591					
US Treasury Bond					
Dec 85	81–16	81–19	81–16	81–18	249
Mar 86	80–12	80–15	80–12	80–12	293
Jun 86	NT			79–13	0
Previous day's total open interest 2788					
Short Gilt					
Dec 85	97–35	97–35	97–27	97–29	296
Mar 86	97–55	97–55	97–48	97–45	149
Previous day's total open interest 1562					
Long Gilt					
Dec 85	113–03	113–03	112–21	112–25	2113
Mar 86	113–11	113–13	113–00	113–05	2920
Jun 86	NT				0
Sep 86	NT			112–04	0
Previous day's total open interest 8720					
FT-SE 100					
Dec 85	144.50	144.60	143.20	143.25	352
Mar 86	146.10	146.10	144.40	144.35	54
Previous day's total open interest 2126					

COMMODITIES

The International Coffee Organization has agreed there is no immediate need to take special action to boost supplies to the market.

The executive board is working on the draft of a text aimed at giving a signal to the market that enough coffee will be available to meet demand.

Johnson Matthey raised its British base price for rhodium (unfabricated) to *$1,110 a troy* ounce from $1,100.

Alumax Inc said it will raise its aluminium ingot price for December by one cent to 48 cents a lb.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
Rubber in p per kilo;
Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne;
Gas-oil and sugar in US $ per tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER
Dec ....unq
Jan ....unq
Feb ....unq
Mar ....unq
Apr ....unq
May ....unq
Jun ....unq
Jul ....unq
Jan/Mar ....unq
Apr/Jun ....unq
Jul/Sep ....unq
Vol ....unq

SUGAR (Raw)
Dec 14300–BYR
Mar 15900–15880
May 16260–16260
Aug 16800–16760
Oct 17280–17240
Dec ....unq
Vol 439

SUGAR (White)
Dec ....unq
Mar ....unq
May ....unq
Aug ....unq
Oct ....unq
Dec ....unq
Mar ....unq
Vol ....unq
Tone ....unq

COCOA
Dec 1682–27
Mar 1674–73
May 1694–93
July 1710–09
Sep 1728–27
Dec 1720–18
Mar 1737–33
Vol 5849

COFFEE
Nov 1831–27
Jan 1862–59
Mar 1900–1898
May 1934–31
Jul 1970–68
Sep 2000–1998
Nov 2030–2000
Vol 1967

SOYABEAN
Dec 125.0–23.0
Feb 126.3–25.7
Apr 126.9–285.5
Jne 122.3–21.5
Aug 122.0–21.0
Oct 122.8–22.0
Dec 125.0–23.0
Vol 120

GAS OIL
Dec 26750–6700
Jan 26275–6225
Feb 25675–5650
Mar 24675–4600
Apr 23650–3600
May 22900–2800
Jne 22800–2700
Jly 22800–2775
Aug 22850–2800
Vol 3584

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures
Prices in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 928.50-929.50
Three months 946.50-947.00
Vol 4150
Tone ....Steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 908.00-910.00
Three months 936.00-937.00
Vol ....nil
Tone ....Idle

TIN Suspended

LEAD
Cash 268.00-285.50
Three months 272.25-272.50
Vol 1750
Tone ....Steady

ZINC STANDARD
Cash 391.00-393.00
Three months ....
Vol 425
Tone ....Quiet

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 407.00-409.00
Three months 414.50-415.00
Vol 1600
Tone ....Easier

SILVER LARGE
Cash 411.5-412.5
Three months 423.0-424.0
Vol 4
Tone ....Quiet

SILVER SMALL
Cash 411.5-412.5
Three months 423.0-424.0
Vol ....nil
Tone ....Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 655.00-656.00
Three months 678.50-679.00
Vol 6000
Tone ....Steady

NICKEL
Cash 2700-2710
Three months 2755-2760
Vol 12
Tone ....Quiet

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 00

GB: Cattle, 97.65p per kg lw (+1.83).
GB: Sheep, 143.94p per kg est d c w (-1.71).
GB: Pigs, 83.04p per kg lw (-1.89).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 14.7 per cent, ave. price, 97.65p (+1.67).
Sheep nos. down 15.8 per cent, ave. price, 145.57p (-0.57).
Pig nos. up 4.2 per cent, ave. price, 83.07p (-1.80).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 20.9 per cent, ave. price, 96.68p (+2.42).
Sheep nos. up 15.2 per cent, ave. price, 138.37p (-4.99).
Pig nos. up 4.8 per cent, ave. price, 81.49p (+2.58).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jan	£112.02	£109.03
Mar	£114.85	£112.35
May	£117.08	£114.06
Jly	£119.95	
Sep	£98.50	

Volume:
Wheat 461
Barley 42

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Jan	Unquoted	93.0
Feb	Unquoted	94.0
Mar	Unquoted	Unquoted
Apr	Unquoted	92.0
May	Unquoted	93.0
Jun	Unquoted	96.0
Jul	Unquoted	90.0
Aug	Unquoted	85.0
Sep	Unquoted	90.0
Oct	Unquoted	98.0
		Vol.0

Pig meat
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	102.3	102.5
Apr	103.4	103.6
Jun	100.4	100.7
Aug	99.3	98.6
Oct	104.4	104.4
Nov	105.2	105.3
		Vol.31

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	84.0	82.5
Apr	93.5	92.0
May	99.5	97.2
Nov	74.0	74.0
Feb	84.5	85.0
		Vol.530

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report
$10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
Jan	912.0–905.0	905.0
Apr	960.0–960.0	952.5
Jul		842.5
Oct	932.5–932.5	927.5
Jan	—	954.0
Apr	—	997.5
Jul	890.0–890.0	887.5
Oct	—	983.0

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling hit a new 20-month high against the dollar which continued to be weighed down by speculation about an early reduction in the US discount rate.

Easier at first, the pound swung round to reach $1.4795 to the dollar at one stage, before easing back to close a net 42 points up at $1.4787, the best since March 1984.

Conditions were quiet and thin throughout because of the Thanksgiving Day holiday in the US, but after opening slightly firmer, the dollar suenly came under renewed selling pressure and weakened across the board, particularly against the mark.

The mark climbed from DM2.5410 to DM 2.5295 against the dollar, and from DM 3.7488 to DM3.7397 in terms of the pound.

The yen slipped from 201.05 to 201.55 in dollar terms.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range November 28	Market rates close November 28	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.4690-1.4795	$1.4780-1.4795	0.44-0.41c prem	1.21-1.17c prem
Montreal	$2.0296-2.0395	$2.0359-2.0395	0.42-0.35c prem	1.22-1.11c prem
Amsterdam	4.1879-4.2107fl	4.2042-4.2107fl	2⅛-1⅞c prem	5⅞-5⅛c prem
Brussels	75.38-75.79f	75.64-75.79f	23-18c prem	61-52c prem
Copenhagen	13.5164-13.5700k	13.5488-13.5700k	3⅛-2⅝ore prem	7⅛-6⅞ore prem
Dublin	1.2083-1.2107p	1.2085-1.2095p	24-10p prem	82-23p prem
Frankfurt	3.7220-3.7431m	3.7364-3.7431m	2⅝-2⅜pf prem	6⅞-6pf prem
Lisbon	233.73-239.31e	234.83-239.31e	185-485e disc	615-1585e disc
Madrid	230.38-231.17p	230.64-231.17p	30-115p disc	220-300p disc
Milan	2517.40-2532.16lr	2527.38-2532.16lr	3-7lr disc	11-17lr disc
Oslo	11.2087-11.2664k	11.2448-11.2664k	⅛-1ore disc	2⅝-3⅛ore disc
Paris	11.3520-11.4247f	11.3963-11.4247f	3-2⅞c prem	6⅞-5⅞c prem
Stockholm	11.2852-11.3271k	11.3008-11.3271k	1⅝-2⅛ore prem	4⅞-5⅛ore prem
Tokyo	295.41-298.19y	297.67-298.19y	1⅜-1⅛y prem	2⅝-2⅛y prem
Vienna	26.23-26.31sch	26.27-26.31sch	12⅞-10⅝gro prem	34⅞-30⅝gro prem
Zurich	3.0715-3.0922f	3.0968-3.0922f	2⅛-1⅞c prem	5⅞-5⅝c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 0.1 at 80.8 (day's range 80.6-80.8).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral	1.1808–1.1839
Australia dollar	2.1490–2.1537
Bahrain dinar	0.5510–0.5550
Brazil cruzeiro	13660.00–13745.00
Cyprus pound	0.7900–0.8000
Finland marka	8.0500–8.0900
Greece Drachma	219.20–221.20
Hongkong dollar	11.5210–11.5350
India rupee	17.63–17.83
Iraq rial	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.4235–0.4275
Malaysia dollar	3.5770–3.5825
Mexico peso	690.0–730.0
New Zealand dollar	2.5785–2.5894
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.3390–5.3790
Singapore dollar	3.0924–3.0960
South Africa rand	3.9400–3.9639
United Arab Emirates dirham	5.3710–5.4110

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.2215-1.2230
Singapore	2.0930-2.0960
Malaysia	2.4210-2.4230
Australia	0.6865-0.6875
Canada	1.3770-1.3780
Sweden	7.6450-7.6500
Norway	7.6100-7.6150
Denmark	9.1725-9.1775
West Germany	2.5280-2.5290
Switzerland	2.0885-2.0900
Netherlands	2.8450-2.8485
France	7.7150-7.7200
Japan	201.50-201.65
Italy	1710.0-1712.0
Belgium(Comm)	51.22-51.27
Hong Kong	7.9880-7.8000
Portugal	159.50-161.50
Spain	155.95-156.20
Austria	17.75-17.79

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Period rates were almost unchanged in light activity. The fortunes of sterling in the foreign exchange markets were being closely followed, but the market was registering no feeling that base rates could be coming down yet awhile.

Day-to-day money opened on 12¼-12per ce nt but managed to ease to 12-11¾ per cent by midday. It closed about 6-5 per cent.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11½
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 11¾ Low 6½
Week fixed: 11⅝-11½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11¼	2 months	11⅛
3 months	11⅛	3 months	11

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11⅞-11⅝ 2 months 11⅝-11⅝
3 months 11⅝-11½ 6 months 10⅞-10⅝

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11⅞ 2 months 11⅞
3 months 11⅝ 6 months 11⅝

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 12-11¾ close 6-5
1 week 11⅝-11⅞ 6 months 11⅞-11⅝
1 month 11⅞-11⅝ 9 months 11⅝-11⅝
3 months 11⅝-11⅝ 12 months 11⅝-11⅝

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 11½ 7 days 11½
1 month 11⅞ 3 months 11⅞
6 months 11⅝ 12 months 10⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 12⅛-11⅞ 2 months 12-11¾
3 months 12-11¾ 6 months 12-11¾
9 months 11⅞-11⅝ 12 months 11½-11⅜

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 11⅞-11⅝ 3 months 11⅝-11⅜
6 months 11½-11⅜ 12 months 11⅜-10⅞

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 8.00-7.90 3 months 8.00-7.90
6 months 8.00-7.90 12 months 8.15-8.05

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 7¾-7⅝ call 8⅛-7⅞
3 months 8⅛-8⅛ 1 month 8⅛-8⅛ 6 months 8⅛-8⅛

Deutschmark
7 days 4⅞-4⅝ call 5-4
3 months 4⅞-4⅝ 1 month 4⅞-4⅝ 6 months 4⅞-4⅝

French Franc
7 days 5⅞-5⅝ call 9-8
3 months 5⅞-5⅝ 1 month 5⅞-5⅝ 6 months 5⅞-5⅝

Swiss Franc
7 days 8⅞-8⅝ call 1½-½
3 months 9¼-9⅛ 1 month 8⅞-8⅝ 6 months 10⅛-9⅞

Yen
7 days 1⅞-1⅝ call 7⅛-6⅞
3 months 4⅛-3⅞ 1 month 4⅛-4 6 months 4⅛-4

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$328.00-329.50 (£220.00-223.25)
Sovereigns* (new):
$79.50-80.50 (£53.75-54.50)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 2 October, 1985 to 5 November, 1985, inclusive: 11.608 per cent.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
101	87	Alisa	95	..	2.8	2.8	..
686	580	Alliance	660	+2	26.1n	4.0	..
155	118	Amer Trust	133	+1	4.3	3.2	..
302	245	Ang Amer Sec	282	−1	8.1	2.9	..
151	128	Ashdown	150	..	4.2b	2.8	..
120	88	Atlantic Assets	112	+2	0.8	0.7	..
102	83	Bankers	99	● ..	3.5b	3.5	..
194	152	Berry	166	● −1	1.5	0.9	..
182	152	Border & Sthrn	181	● ..	5.1	2.8	..
221	190	Br Assets	219	● +1	10.9	5.0	..
33¾	25	Br Empire Sec	33	−½	0.7	2.2	..
374	312	British Inv	370	● ..	20.9b	5.6	..
83	64	Brunner	81	..	3.1b	3.8	..
89	72	Charter Agency	83½	−½	3.2b	3.9	..
685	525	Continental	650	−7	30.0b	4.6	..
178	119	Crescent Japan	147	..	1.1	0.8	..
115	97	Derby Inc	118	+1	10.9	9.5	..
127	95	*Do Cap*	122	..	..	..	..
330	264	Drayton Cons	328	● ..	14.3	4.4	..
148	112	Drayton Far East	133	−1	1.6	1.2	..
427	348	Drayton Japan	412	+2	3.8e	0.9	..
522	353	Drayton Premier	518	−1	20.7b	4.0	..
198	160	Dundee Lon	198	+3	7.4b	3.7	..
118	89	Edin Amer Asset	102	+1	0.6	0.5	..
120	103	Edinburgh	120	● +1	4.6b	3.9	..
302	254	Electric Gen	295	..	5.1	1.7	..
140	114	English Int	140	● ..	5.0	3.8	..
79	65	English Scot	77	..	1.9	2.4	..
111	91	English NY	109	..	3.6	3.3	..
97	78	F & C Alliance	91	..	2.4	2.7	..
166	122	F&C Pacific	142	..	1.8b	1.3	..
245	186	Family	240	−2	11.3b	4.7	..
292	242	First Scot Amer	291	−1	12.9b	4.4	..
185	80	First Un Gen	80	..	8.7	10.9	..
550	415	Fleming American	463	..	7.5	1.6	..
298	235	Fleming Claver	297	..	12.8	4.3	..
295	233	Fleming Enterprise	295	..	12.1	4.1	..
108	78	Fleming Far East	84½	● +½	1.5	1.7	..
113	100	Fleming Fledgling	111	..	3.6	3.2	..
560	405	Fleming Japan	445	● +2	5.7	1.3	..
132	105	Fleming Mercantile	128½		4.3	3.3	..
134	100	Fleming Overseas	110	..	3.9	3.6	..
163	120	Fleming Tech	140	−1	3.3	2.4	..
334	268	Fleming Universal	308	● +1	7.1b	2.3	..
74	59	For Col	69	..	2.0b	2.9	..
121	92	GBC Capital	93	● ..			..
165	115	GT Japan	122	..	2.0	1.6	..
135	97	General Funds	133	..	2.7	2.0	..
288	230	General Cons	285	..	14.3b	5.0	..
125	103½	Glasgow Stock	120	..	2.9b	2.4	..
308	251	Globe	305	● +2	14.5	4.8	..
270	202	Greenfriar	266	−2	2.3	0.9	..
275	220	Gresham House	255	● ..	6.3	2.5	..
171	138	Hambros	169	● ..	6.1	3.8	..
270	226	Hill (P)	259	● ..	13.6	5.1	..
540	448	Invest-in Success	558	..	7.8	1.4	..
254	206	Inv Cap	249	..	5.2b	2.1	..
82	43	Japan Assets	43½	● ..	0.1	0.2	..
181½	127	Lake View	150	● ..	3.3b	2.2	..
192	162	Law Debenture	192	+1	8.6b	4.5	..
86	66	Lon Merchant Sec	80	+1	3.1	3.9	..
89	66	Lon Trust	89	..	8.1e	8.6	..
107	86	Merchants	108	+1	5.4b	5.1	..
174	133	Monks	157	+1	3.4b	2.2	..
136	106	Murray Income	138	+½	7.7	5.7	..
117	85	Murray Growth	114	..	2.0	1.8	..
143	112	Murray Intl	141	..	6.4a	4.6	..
216	163	Murray Small	214	● ..	3.7b	1.7	..
330	268	Murray Venture	330	..	7.9	2.4	..
408	354	New Court	398	● ..	20.4	5.1	..
77	61	New Darien Oil	65	..	0.5	0.7	..
178	153	1928	169	..	6.7	3.8	..
54	37	Nwthrog Inc 85	53	● ..	4.2b	7.9	..
243	157	New Tokyo	179	−1	1.4e	0.8	..
324	245	Nth Atlantic Sec	275	● +2	4.9	1.8	..
123	74½	Nth Sea Assets	80	● ..	0.7	0.9	..
293	227	Nthn Amer	280	● +1	7.7	2.6	..
148	128	Outwich	148	● +1	4.4	3.0	..
101	73	Pacific Assets	73	..	..	..	..
43	33	Do Wrnts	34	..			..
48	32	Personal Assets	33½	−½	0.3	0.7	..
357	292	Raeburn	364	+1	14.1b	3.9	..
147	125	River & Merc	147	..	7.9b	5.3	..
244	188	River Plate	244	+2	10.7	4.4	..
192	168	Robeco	198	+1	..	..	..
173	150	Rolinco	173	+1	..	..	..
290	226	Romney	284	..	6.8b	2.4	..
11⅝	10	Rorento	£11⅝	..	..	..	..
118	86	St Andrews	116	..	4.0b	3.4	..
318	235	Scottish	310	+3	7.8	2.5	..
278	211	Scot American	277	+1	8.4	3.0	..
92½	73	Scot Eastern	92	+½	2.9b	3.1	..
408	345	Scot Mtge	401	● +2	10.7b	2.7	..
253	204	Scot Nat	248	● +1	6.9	2.8	..
399	354½	Scot Merc 'A'	398	+8	20.0	5.0	..
588	500	Second Alliance	572	● +2	23.2	4.1	..
143	109	Sec Of Scotland	140	● ..	6.9b	4.9	..
78	61	Smaller Cos	68	● −1	1.7b	2.5	..
38½	32	Stewart Enterp	38	..	0.6	1.5	..
146	110	Stockholders	128	● +1	4.0	3.1	..
100	76	Tr Australia	88	● ..	3.1	3.5	..
103	76	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	103	● +1	6.6b	6.4	..
161	137	Tr Ind & Gen	155½	● −½	8.4b	3.8	..
295	205	Tr Natural Res	205	−1	10.7	5.2	..
111	78	Tr North America	88	+1	2.6	3.0	..
146½	111	Tr Pacific Basin	120	+2	1.4b	1.2	..
162	129	Tr Property	150	..	5.3	3.6	..
101	79	Tr Tech	92	..	2.5	2.7	..
151	126	Tr Trustees	146	..	5.4b	3.8	..
145	111	Temple Bar	138	+1	7.1b	5.1	..
264	211	Throgmorton	252	−1	10.7b	4.3	..
335	248	Throg Secured Cap	338				..
167	137	Trans Oceanic	157	+2	4.6b	3.0	..
120	103	Tribune	115	+1	3.3	2.9	..
82½	72½	Triplevest Inc	78	+1	14.7	18.8	..
224	169	US Debenture	222	..	9.3b	4.2	..
82	58	Viking Resources	62	● −1	1.7	2.8	..
86	61	Westpool	80	..	2.2	2.7	..
110	84	Winterbottom Energy	98	..	1.0b	1.1	..
167½	139	Witan	166	+1	4.2	2.5	..
290	259	Yeoman	290	+2	13.8b	4.7	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
575	350	Akroyd & Smithers	565	● ..	26.8	4.7	19.6
57½	29¾	American Express	£37⅝	+⅛			
43	19	Argyle	34	−½	..	..	17.4
85	52	Boustead	85	●	..		
155	88	Britannia Arrow	143	..	6.0b	4.1	23.9
15½	8⅞	Daily Mail	£12⅝	..	80.0	4.2	15.4
14¼	8¾	Do 'A'	£14⅛	..	60.0	4.2	15.1
142	113	Electra	140	+1	5.4	3.9	35.8
101	73	Eng Trust	95				
245	175	Exco	212	−2	4.5	2.1	15.9
85	50	Exploration	70	+2	3.0	4.3	12.4
429½	350	Framlington	390	..	7.1	1.8	18.1
98	58	Frost Gp	64	● ..	5.7	8.8	11.6
105	44	Goode (D & M)	90	..	1.8	2.0	15.7
[illegible]	578	Henderson Admin	970	● ..	25.7b	2.7	14.0
186	178	ICR	180	..	..		
405	300	MAI	372	● −3	22.9	6.1	9.8
875	398	M & G	815	−10	19.3	2.4	32.4
359	217	Mercantile House	274	−5	38.6	8.8	7.4
405	300	Mills & Allen	372	● −3	22.9	6.1	9.8
113	75	Pacific Inv Tst	82	..	0.5	0.6	76.2
41	20	Do-Warrants	27½	..			
211	83	Smith Brothers	102	+2	6.3	4.8	22.5

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Pearson soars to peak on deal talk

By Derek Pain and Cliff Feltham

Market reports that Pearson, the banking and publishing group which owns the *Financial Times*, was on the verge of a major deal were revived last night following a sharp rise in the share price.

Dealers were puzzled by the buying pressure which pushed the shares to a new peak of 401p, 39p up on the day and a two-day gain of 57p. The shares have come up from a low of 287p.

Mr John Hale, Pearson's managing director, said the company was not involved in bid talks and he could offer no explanation for the sudden jump. He dismissed suggestions in some areas that the shares were coming in for a re-rating. "Re-ratings don't happen overnight."

The USM-quoted electronics group Penny & Giles International, which makes "black box" aircraft flight recorders, shot up 10p at one stage yesterday before closing at 156p for a 6p improvement after a jump in half-time profits from £296,000 to £414,000. Quilter Goodison, the broker, is expecting up to £1.65 million for the full year. Reports suggest that the company's order book stands 70 per cent higher than a year ago.

But he was more cagey about prospects of Pearson making a major disposal. "There is nothing that is hot at the moment," he said. It is understood the company's broker, Cazenove, has also been touring the market seeking a reason for the sudden rise in the price.

There have been suggestions that Pearson may be considering floating off its merchant banking offshoot Lazards. Another theory is that it could have found a buyer for its Fairey engineering business.

Pearson recently reported disappointing half-year profits of £41.8 million. As a result some brokers clipped their full year profits back to about £108 million and on trading grounds there seems little reason to account for the appreciation in the share price.

However, the group has attracted bid speculation from time to time, fuelled by the prospect of spinning off some of its many activities, which range from ownership of the Westminster Press provincial newspaper chain, to Penguin book publishing, and the profitable Lazards merchant banking side.

Elsewhere, shares experienced a see-saw session with a bright start fading dramatically.

A rush of buying at the opening pushed the FT 30 share index 8.6 points higher to within a whisker of its peak. Then profit takers took command. By mid-day the rise had been cut to 2.1 points and at the close the index was 5.9 points lower at 1,135.0 points.

The FT-SE share index presented a similar scene with an opening 9.5 points gain turned into an 8.7 points decline at the close.

Within the wide swings in price movement, the takeover rumour bandwagon continued to roll. Prices worst hit were many of the takeover hopefuls flying high earlier in the week. But as one came nearer earth, another took its place. "It's takeover lunacy", said one dealer.

Gilts traded narrowly with falls of up to £¼ at the close.

Molins, makers of tobacco machinery, eased 5p to 170p – in line with the terms offered in the management buyout – after it was confirmed that Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand born Australian-based entrepreneur, had increased his shareholding to 8.9 per cent.

Worries that Mr Brierley plans to scupper the buyout scheme has prompted the Molins management to seek a meeting with him. It could take place today.

Stothert & Pitt, the 165-year-old Bath-based engineers, surged 35p to 195p on talk about the management reshaping under new chairman and chief executive Mr George King. Assets could, it is thought, be as much as £10 a share.

Shares in Dawson International rose 6p yesterday to 220p after a 16 per cent rise to £14.6 million in half-time profits. Brokers are looking to £38 million against £35 million for the full year. But there could be problems. The company's best selling Pringle and Braemar luxury knitwear could take a knock next year if the number of American tourists in London falls bacause of the weakening dollar. Italy, the biggest export market, is still going well, however.

Blundell-Permoglaze, the paint maker which has had a difficult time lately, returned from a brief suspension at 176p, up 29p after it was disclosed that Akzo, a Dutch group, already has acceptances representing 31 per cent of the capital.

Shortage of stock lifted the price of **Burgess Products** up to 136p, a 14p rise on the day. Mr Bob Morton, the chairman, has been steering Burgess away from making exhausts to microswitches and is on the look-out for more acquisitions.

Distillers Co., was a strong market, up 13p to a 511p peak on the arrival of Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House, in the boardroom and the continuing round of investment meetings ahead of Monday's expected takeover assault by Argyll Group.

Allied-Lyons, on the prospect of a bullish and vigorous defence document in response to the Elders bid, jumped 13p to 306p, a peak, at one time. The shares closed at 301p. The Allied reply, following a sharp mid-term profits gain announced on Tuesday, is due next week.

United Biscuits was at one time up to 281p on talk that **Imperial Group** is prepared to offer 300p a share. The shares closed at 279p, up 7p on the day. Imps eased 7p to 238p.

Hanson Trust fell 2p to 208p following its decision to continue its bitter and protracted battle to win control of the American SCM group.

British Home Stores remained an active market as reports continued to swirl about moves to upset the planned merger with Habitat Mothercare. BHS at one time touched 417p but then in active two-way trading eased to 415p, effectively unchanged. HM tumbled 22p to 540p.

Other store shares felt the cold draught of disappearing takeover hopes. **Harris Queensway** lost 12p to 268p; **J. Hepworth** 6p to 233p and **Raybeck** 2p to 35½p.

But some continued to make progress. **Combined English Stores** and Ratners, the jewellers, were two to make headway.

MEPC, on a mixed property pitch, fell 5p to 295p. **Rowe & Pitman**, the broker, placed about 2 million shares at 294¼.

John Laing, the builder, fell 20p to 324p on the news that it s withdrawing from Saudia Arabia. English China Clays, strong recently on takeover hopes, slipped 6p to 296p. **Babcock International**, another old takeover favourite, eased on profit taking.

Jaguar slipped another 4p, to 319p, as the strength of the pound continued to cast doubts about the profitability of the car group's sales in the all-important United States market.

In foods, **Cadbury-Schweppes** continued its fine run, adding 7p to 170p. The market believes a bid is on the cards. Elsewhere in the sector, **Dalgety** managed an 8p advance taking to 458p.

A big advance in half-time profits nudged **Freshbake Foods** up 1p to 83p while **Century Oils** was good for a 1p rise at 90p on improved results.

TI lost ground, 5p down at 398p, while elsewhere its likely predator, **Evered**, held firm at 211p. Among Engineers Hawker Siddeley was weaker at 433p, 8p lower.

Marley, the building materials and do-it-yourself group remained firm at 119p yesterday as takeover hopes refused to die. There is evidence that a share stake is being built up, although it has not yet reached 5 per cent. One suggestion is that Norcros is behind the share buying hoping to use its stake to influence Marley into selling its Payless DIY chain.

Irish-based **Woodchester Investments** eased 2p to 138p. The big UK unit trust group Gartmore has now lifted its stake to 6.48 per cent.

The electronics sector was quieter. **First Castle** put on 7p at 112p and **Farnell** managed a 3p advance at one time before closing at 218p, 1p ahead on the day.

The **600 Group** fell 6½ to 99½p on its 11 per cent profits declinee. **Cronite**, on doubled profits, improved 3p to 48½p.

Ex-Lands, the little investment company, jumped 15p to 28p on a large shareholding changing hands.

New mill gives pledge to limit paper output

From Edward Townsend Ornskoldsvik, Sweden

Sweden yesterday celebrated with King Carl Gustav the creation of Europe's biggest fine paper mill, amid promises that its output would not be used to flood the British or European markets.

The huge integrated mill, a few hundred miles south of the Arctic Circle, has been expanded by the MoDo pulp and paper company to an annual paper capacity of 400,000 tonnes, equivalent to the entire output of the British printing and writing paper industry.

In temperatures 22 degrees below freezing, the King formally inaugurated the mill's third paper machine, a £70 million state-backed investment which will give Sweden an undoubted lead in the office paper market in Europe. MoDo is one of the two larget fine paper makers in Europe.

The presence of the monarch signifies the importance attached to the development by the government and Swedish financial institutions.

The latest investment has been funded under an arrangement unique in Europe in which several banks have joined forces to establish a new company whose only asset will be the paper machine.

MoDo, which has a 45 per cent stake in the new company, will lease back its own machine and pay the banks, led by the state-owned Investeringsbanken – annual payments comprising interest and depreciation.

Mr Bernt Lof, the president and chief executive of MoDo and one of Sweden's rising paper industry stars, said the company had no intention of disrupting the over-supplied European business paper market and hoped that much of the mill's output would be sold in the United States.

However, MoDo's British subsidiary, Link Paper, is planning to increase its share of the domestic market for copying machine paper from 4 per cent to 10 per cent in the next two years.

Stockley plans expansion for business park

By Judith Huntley
Commercial Property Correspondent

Stockley, the property company developing Britain's biggest international business park on a 350 acre site five minutes from London's Heathrow Ariport, plans to enlarge the scheme to 2.5 million sq ft.

The company is to apply to Hillingdon Council, its partner in the project for an extra 500,000 sq ft of space at Stockley Park.

Its first tenant, a Japanese electronics company, is set to take space in the 140,000 sq ft of speculative space in the 1.5 million sq ft frist phase. Rents are set at £13.50 a sq ft with owner occupiers being offered geard ground leases.

Land prices in the area have soared to over £1 million an acre.

Stockley owns an additional 60 acres of land next to Stockley Park but the company will not reveal its plans for this. A retail development is likely.

Oyez IBC in £11m merger with engineering group

By Alison Eadie

The conference organizer and business newsletter publisher, Oyez International Business Communications, is reversing into the quoted lossmaking Irish engineering company RTD Group in an £11.34 million merger.

Oyez IBC is a private company, but wants to expand in the business publishing and conference field.

The merger will create a new holding company – International Business Communications – which will keep the quote if 80 per cent acceptances are received from RTD shareholders.

Oyez IBC was bought out by five directors from the Solicitors' Law Stationery Society in 1983 when it made losses. Taxable profits in 1985 are forecast at £745,000, on turnover of £6 million.

RTD, whose operations are all in England, despite its Irish incorporation, has made losses since 1983 and is forecast to lose £174,000 in the 10 months to end of December. However, the lossmaker in the group RTD Swan, which makes portable traffic signals, has been sold.

The remaining RTD businesses of medical aids and metal finishing, which should make a profit of £113,000 in the ten months, will be kept.

The terms of the deal, arranged by the stockbroker Capel Cure-Meyers, are that IBC will buy RTD for £2.36 million and Oyez IBC for £7.1 million.

There is a placing of 2.52 million shares to raise £1.65 million net for the company and a placing on behalf of the vendors of 630,089 shares. The five Oyez IBC directors will receive 58.3 per cent of IBC.

TEMPUS

£12.6m cash call rallies Tozer troops for battle

Let the laggards in the British corporate sector be warned. Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn Holdings is set to come looking for you. Once an ailing automotive business noted only for its large debts and a name which sounds like a list of Victorian prize-fighters, the company has been revitalized since Ron Brierley, the antipodean entrepreneur, took control in the summer with a refinancing through his IEL Group.

TKM's share price has increased by more than 50 per cent since the refinancing, and yesterday's rights issue to raise £12.6 million hardly caused a stir as the shares closed up 1p at 67p. The offer of three preference shares for every 10 ordinary shares at 40p is keenly priced but more attractive is the opportunity to participate in the group's ambitious plans.

The company boldly pronounced that, as soon as financial conditions permit, TKM will resume its investment activities and develop them in a similar manner to those of the IEL Group. It all sounds very encouraging.

First, though, TKM must put its own finances in order. The rights issue will help. The cash will be used to reduce long-term borrowings, so qualifying for an early payment discount of a further £2.4 million.

Gearing, which not so long ago stood at 673 per cent, will be reduced to 182 per cent on a December 31, 1984 pro forma basis. TKM also plans to take full advantage of a further £5.3 million discount, available if the balance of the long-term borrowings are repaid by July 31, 1986.

Although gearing remains high, TKM is clearly moving in the right direction, urged on by Mr Brierley's backing. Trading in 1985, however, will be disappointing.

Even after taking credit for the £2.4 million loan repayment discount, the best TKM can promise is that the total deficit for the year will be no more than £2 million.

It is clear that the decks are being swept clear and the investment vessel prepared for battle. TKM may yet be a force to reckon with.

Mr Brierley's influence is considerable, as witnessed by the directors at Molins who were clearly concerned that their boy-out was threatened by the announcement that another of his companies had increased its stake in the cigarette machinery manufacturer.

The mutterings about complaints to the Takeover Panel and talk of a hurried meeting with Mr Brierley say it all. Buy TKM.

Royal Bank of Scotland

Banking mergers can be traumatic. Survivors of the former Martins' Bank chain still wear a black tie on occasion to mourn the passing almost overnight of the Liverpool clearer into the arms of Barclays.

Not content, however, with effecting a full scale merger between its English and Scottish banking arms, the Royal Bank of Scotland also opted last year to buy a merchant bank – Charterhouse Japhet for £150 million; to launch a £100 million rights issue; to start a new car insurance operation' and *inter alia*, to borrow an extra £200 million through a floating rate note issue. The good news is that all these new ventures, including the merger, appear to have been absorbed smoothlty enough.

Pretax profits come out at £166.3 million, a gain of 27 per cent, and most other operating ratios look solidly in place despite the odd wobbly item.

The addition of about £82 millions in back debt provisions consequent on the acquisition of Charterhouse Japhet also raised a few eyebrows, since the provisions apparently date back to the secondary banking crisis of the mid-1970s.

Key ratios nevertheless look good. The free equity ratio rose from 2.5 per cent to nearly 3 per cent, while the free capital ratio also improved from 4.8 per cent to 5.4 per cent. Despite a slowdown in the growth rate of current account acquisition, the contribution from this category of funds rose from 22 per cent to 24 per cent. International banking activities plainly did well.

Where RBS goes from here, however, is more open to debate. The bank has many hidden benefits still to flow from the merger, but its size relative to the Big Four may ultimately pose problems. Most of its good ideas are likely to be creamed off by the larger banks, and RBS will have to run hard to stand still in domestic banking. RBS dreams of buying a building society. More likely is a dawn raid from a hostile predator. The shares, at 290p, are cheap on bid hopes.

Redland

Redland is almost defying gravity by increasing profits when demand for building products is low. If it can grow in bad times what, analysts were asking yesterday, will it achieve in good? With a pre-election bonanza on the cards, the answer should become apparent with sharply increased profits in a year or more's time.

Profits edged up from £48.3 million to £50.7 million before tax in the six months to September and a similar increase is expected for the full year. Admittedly, the first half results were helped by a £2.1 million rise in property profits, but they werehindered by terrible market conditions.

At home, demand for all three of Redland's main products – aggregates, concrete roofing tiles and bricks – was down but Redland increased sales and profits in most areas.

The company also had to cope with a £1.5 million loss on exchange rate movements, which restricted growth from the Australian associate, Monier. American profits were up and there is more to come once new plant, doubling capacity at the San Antonio quarry, comes on stream. The $25 million cost of ths development is taking the annual capital spending to £60 million or so, implying a caash outflow this year. Next year, however, should see cash coming in, unless Redland returns to the acquisition trail.

Even without an acquisition, prospects look good but they have yet to be fully recognized in the share price. At 356p the shares are trading on 11 times earnings, a rating which looks modest even beside other less resilient building material producers.

APPOINTMENTS

British Ferries: **Mr Charles Lenox-Conyngham** is to be chairman and chief executive of Sealink UK and director of British Ferries.

Confederation of British Industry: **Mr David Wood** has been named as head of the Brussels office. He will be the CBI's permanent delegate to UNICE, the European employers' organization.

Industrial Development Board for Northern Ireland: **Mr Eric McDowell** has been appointed chairman in succession to Sir Desmond Lorimer.

Brown Shipley & Co: **Mr M. D. Beggs** and **Mr M. D. Ness** are to become directors of Brown Shipley Investment Management, Brown Shipley Asset Management and Brown Shipley Fund Management.

COMPANY NEWS

● **G. W. SPARROW**: company's subsidiary Sparrows Offshore Services has announced further contract awards for next year. The contracts, to operate and maintain offshore platform craneage for Total Oil Marine and Mobil North Sea are for one and two years respectively. The work carries a contract value in excess of £1.2 million.

● **COLE GROUP**: A letter has been sent to shareholders explaining why the directors are adamant that the Low and Bonar offer of 260p per Cole share, valuing the group at only £8.3 million is wholly inadequate and why it should be rejected.

● **MORAN & CO**: For the year to September 30, turnover was £16,836,450 (£15,735,876), while the pretax profit was £2,394,337 (£2,176,936). Earnings per share were 18.1p (16.4p). A final dividend of 4.125p is being paid.

● **OWEN OWEN**: The recommended ordinary offer on behalf of Whard White group for the company has now been declared fully unconditional. Accordingly, the director have declared a second interim dividend of 10p per share.

● **KENTUCKY INTERNATIONAL THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS**: The subscription list have opend for a minimum of 2.25 millon up to a maximum of 3.77 million shares at £1 per share in Kentucky International Thoroughbred Breeders (UK), a specialist company concerned with the commercial breeding, acquisition and sale of bloodstock. The list closes on Dec 20.

● **HALWOOD GROUP**: Agreement has been reached on the terms of a recommended offer to be made on behalf of Atlantic Metropolitan, wholly owned by Hallwood for G. W. Dray and Son, other than the 10.2 per cent already owned by Hallwood. Certain shareholders of Dray have irrevocably agreed to accept the offer in respect of 119,341 ordinary shares (44.2 per cent). The offer values Dray at £4.1 million.

● **HARRISONS MALAYSIAN PLANTATIONS**: Pretax profits fell from $110.36 million (Malaysian) to $73.04 million (about £20.5 million) in the half-year to Sept 30. Turnover slipped from $586.46 million to $450.56 million.

● **RIO ALCOM**: The company reports that the acquisition of Potash Company of America did not close on Nov 25 because certain conditions related to the transaction were not satisfied. Negotiations between Rio Algom and Ideal Basic Industries are continuing.

● **COMPCO HOLDINGS**: For the half-year to Sept 25, with figures in £000, total income was 384 (334), while the pretax profit was 305 (202). Earnings per share were 3.76p (5.26p).

● **DAWSON INTERNATIONAL**: For the half-year to September 30 with figures in £000, turnover was 145,483 (127,284), while the pretax profit was 14,594 (12,641). Earnings per share were 6.6p (5.6p). An interim dividend of 1.9p (1.73p) is being paid on January 20.

● **YORK RESOURCES**: This small Australian explorer is proposing a merger with a group of companies run by Western Australia's business achiever of the year. Under the merger, a businessman, Mr Mark Povey, will inject his interests in Povey Transport Industries and other companies which have an estimated Aus $3.6 million (£1.7 million) of assets. The purchase by York will be satisfied by the issue of 31.49 million fully paid 20 cent shares at 6 cents each.

● **WHITTINGTON ENGINEERING**: For the half-year to September 30 turnover was £591,628 (£624,884), while the pretax profit was £18,686 (£16,754). Earnings per share were 0.98p (0.81p). An interim dividend of 1.4p (same) is being paid on January 31.

● **THE COUNTRY GENTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION**: For the half-year to June 30, turnover was £1,528,507 (£1,356,916), while the pretax profit was £123,744 (£132,129). Earnings per share were 9.2p (9.2p). No interim dividend is being paid.

● **SCOTTISH INVESTMENT TRUST**: A final dividend of 3.95p (3.47p) making 5.95p (5.17p) for the year to October is being paid on February 12. With figures in £000 gross investment income was: dividend 8,246 (7,465); interest 3,363 (2,388); underwriting 78 (45). Gross interest charge 3,232 (2,286) and pretax revenue 7,697 (6,918). Earnings per stock unit were 5.81p (5.15p).

● **WEIR GROUP**: The company has agreed to sell 50 per cent of its shareholding in Worthington-Simpson, the pump manufacturer, to Dresser Industries of Texas. Worthington-Simpson will, therefore, become a subsidiary of Dresser.

● **IMPERIAL CONTINENTAL GAS**: The company's US subsidiary, IC Gas Amcana Inc has acquired additional oil and gas producing property interests in Texas and Wyoming. The interests are a 50 per cent working interest in 22 producing gas wells in Schleicher County, Texas and a 55 per cent working interest in a waterflood oil project in Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

● **SILVERMINES**: The company has acquired a substantial shareholding in a newly-formed oil and gas exloration company, Ardmore Petroleum, which will explore for oil and gas in Irish and International territories.

● **PENNY & GILES INTERNATIONAL**: For the half-year to September 30 with figures in £000, turnover was 6,899 (6,010), while the pretax profit was 414 (296). Earnings per share were 2.62p (2.27p). An interim dividend of 0.68p (nil) is being paid on January 20.

● **HELICAL BAR**: For the half-year to August 3 with figures in £000, turnover was 3,713 (3,574), while the pretax profit was 120 (46 loss). No interim dividend is being paid.

● **FRESHBAKE FOODS**: For the half-year to September 30 with figures in £000, turnover was 40,244 (27,225), while the pretax profit was 852 (509). Earnings per share were 1.94p (1.14p). An interim dividend of 0.6p (same) is being paid.

● **600 GROUP**: For the 28 weeks to October 12 with figures in £000, turnover was 108,000 (94,000), while the pretax profit was 3261 (3665). An interim dividend of 2.34p (same) is being paid.

● **MOORGATE MERCANTILE HOLDINGS**: For the half-year to September 30 with figures in £000, turnover was 13,223 (11,718), while the pretax profit was 172 (160). Earnings per share were 1.10p (1.09p). An interim dividend of 0.5p (0.45p) is being paid on March 11.

● **CENTURY OILS GROUP**: For the half-year to September 30 with figures in £000, turnover was 47,371 (36,446), while the pretax profit was 2,508 (148). Earnings losses per share were 5.61p (1.08p). An interim dividend of 1.5p (1p) is being paid in January 31.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
A M S Industries 5p Ord (95)	103
Cheshire Wholefoods 5p Ord	126−1
China & Eastn Inv $0.05 (71p)	68
Cont Assets Tst 75p Ord Ptly Pd	54
Davidson Pearce 10p Ord (160)	170
Fairbriar 10p Ord (120)	114
German Sec Inv £1 Ord (100) 50p Pd	49
Hampden Homecare 10p Ord (57a)	63+3
Inoco 10p Ord (55)	54
Magnetic Materials 10p Ord (144a)	100+2
Martin (Ronald) 10p Ord (90a)	97
Millward Brown 10p Ord (160a)	165
SPP 10p Ord (125)	143−1
St Ives Group 10p Ord (330*)	491
Snowden & Bridge 10p Ord (97a)	104
Sterling Publishing 5p Ord (57a)	70
Strata Inv (100)	97
T M D Advertising 5p Ord (118a)	125
Underwoods 10p Ord (180*)	195+1
W Yorks Ind Hosp 50 Ord (90a)	93
World of Leather 10p Ord (128a)	160
Rights issues	
Com Bank Wales (25) Nil Pd	29 prem+4
Countryside Prop (270) Nil Pd	50 prem
Samuelson Grp (240) Nil Pd	38 prem
Wedgwood (187) Nil Pd	35 prem−3

Issue price in parentheses, a Unlisted Securities, *by tender.

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ABN Bank	11½%
Adam & Company	11½%
BCCI	11½%
Citibank Savings †	12¾%
Consolidated Crds	11½%
Continental Trust	11½%
Co-operative Bank	11½%
C. Hoare & Co	11½%
Lloyds Bank	11½%
Nat Westminster	11½%
Royal Bank Scotland	11½%
TSB	11½%
Citibank NA	11½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

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The dividend for 1985 of 4% (FL0.48) Serial No. 72 will be paid on and after 2 January 1986. To obtain this dividend certificates must be listed on listing forms obtainable from one of the following banks:-

Midland Bank plc, Stock Exchange Services Department, Mariner House, Pepys Street, London EC3N 4DA;
Northern Bank Limited, 2 Waring Street, Belfast BT1 2EE;
Allied Irish Banks plc, Securities Department, Stock Exchange, Bank Centre, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.
Clydesdale Bank PLC, 30 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow.

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Fuller details of the dividend may be obtained from the above named banks on and after 30 December 1985.

EXCHANGES of original shares for certificates of sub-shares and vice versa will be SUSPENDED from 13 December 1985 to 30 December 1985 both dates inclusive.

Certificates will only be accepted for exchange after 30 December provided that all dividends declared prior to that date have been claimed.

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The dividend will be paid on and after 2 January 1986 against surrender of Coupon No. 72. Coupons should be sent to one of the Paying Agents in the Netherlands accompanied by an income tax form for relief from Dutch tax obtainable from Midland Bank plc, Stock Exchange Services Department, Mariner House, Pepys Street, London EC3N 4DA, from which fuller details of the dividend may be obtained.

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

RECORD PROFITS IN YEAR OF MERGER

	1985 £m	1984 £m
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		
The company and its subsidiaries	158.7	117.6
Share of profits of associated companies	7.6	13.7
	166.3	131.3
Earnings per 25p ordinary share	35.7p	30.5p*
Dividend per 25p ordinary share	9.6p	8.1p*

*Adjusted for the effects of the rights issue in February 1985.

- Pre-tax profit increased by 27%
- Earnings per share increased by 17%
- Dividend increased by 19%

The Report and Accounts for 1985 will be posted to shareholders on 12 December 1985.

YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Fairer shares of the funds

By Teresa Poole

The Department of Employment intends to set a limit on the Government support available to any one of Britain's 314 local enterprise agencies to allay fears that smaller agencies will lose out in the competition for next year's increased £2.5 million budget.

Under the programme announced this month by Lord Young, the Employment Secretary, the Government will match, pound for pound, the funds put up by local private industry. The smaller agencies have voiced fears that they will find it much harder to raise money from companies and that the large enterprise agencies will mop up more than their fair share of government funds.

It is now believed that the minister for small businesses and tourism, David Trippier, will respond next week to pressure from small agencies by setting for every agency a £20,000 limit up to which the Government will match funds from local companies and banks.

Small firms have also lobbied hard over the Enterprise Allowance Scheme which is designed to help the unemployed set up their own business. The scheme offers a £40 weekly wage for a year to anyone who has been unemployed for more than 13 weeks and who has £1,000 to invest in a new business.

From April the time limit is likely to be reduced to eight weeks, which can include four weeks of notice. The £1,000 criterion will remain as a method of weeding out the less serious schemes.

Mr Trippier is also keen for enterprise agencies to help run management training courses at further education colleges.

Closer collaboration is proposed between the Enterprise Allowance Scheme and these courses. Many people setting up under the scheme have no experience of running a business and it is thought that training should become a more significant part of the package. A decision is yet to be made on whether the training should be mandatory or voluntary.

People who have made the earth move for 10 years

By Derek Harris

KER Plant Co-ownership, which is celebrating 10 years as an industrial co-operative, still appears to be unique in this fast-growing field, claiming to be the only plant hire business in Britain run on co-operative lines. When KER was launched at Moulton village, near Northampton, there were barely 30 industrial co-operatives in Britain. Today there are more than 1,000.

Ken Lucas, now 62, who has played a crucial role at KER, is a powerful figure in the world of industrial co-ops. His home base is still Northamptonshire, where the history of industrial co-ops goes back to the last century.

Since KER took him into industrial co-ops, he has seen the launch of the Northamptonshire Co-operative Development Association, of which he is chairman. He is also a consultant with the Co-operative Development Agency, the umbrella body for industrial co-ops, and local bodies such as the Northants Association.

Northamptonshire now has more than a score of co-ops, 11 established with the help of the association, creating around 60 full-time and 20 part-time jobs.

Mr Lucas, in the plant hire business since 1960, sold out to a bigger competitor in 1973. He stayed 18 months, by which time the 1974 oil crisis was looming. Some of the plant hire operators from his old company were also looking for an alternative to working for the bigger company.

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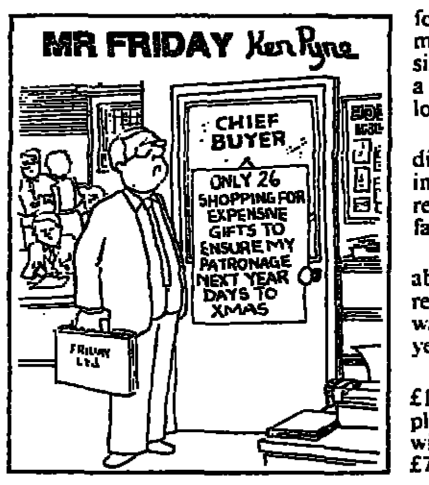
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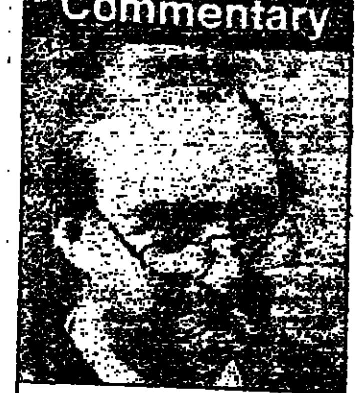


David Miller

Yesterday the good news, today the bad? Some reassurance on the financing of the Commonwealth Games, with a £1.35 million cheque handed over by the Distillers Company yesterday as a major sponsor, has quelled the unease that the Scottish organizing committee might not be able to meet their £12 million budget. The mood will be more optimistic still if today's meeting of the Rugby Football Union postpone until January 17, as is expected, their decision on whether to support next summer's proposed British Lions tour of South Africa.

The clouds of financial and political difficulty have hung over the Friendly Games for some while, but yesterday Robin Parry, managing director of the consortium which is commercial agent for Edinburgh, was able to dispel the former: even if a prominent partnership with alcohol is provocative to the tobacco industry, whose sports sponsorship is under all-round attack. Distillers main exclusivity, as Scotland's largest industry, will be on the competitors' number bibs.

Parry told a London press conference that Distillers involvement now brings the assured budget to £9.6 million. Detractors, including members of the English Commonwealth Games Council, had been suggesting that the Scots were in dire straits. Parry has told the organisers they can expect a budget of not less than £10 million and probably more than £12 million.

Wide criticism of TV rights sale

There has been wide criticism of the television rights sale for only £500,000. But the BBC are investing £1 million in producing the opening ceremony, and will spend many times that in setting up the foreign transmission service from 10 sports centres. If the BBC are able to obtain even twice the fee they paid for transmission from Brisbane in 1982, from Australia, Canada and New Zealand – who are taking 135 hours live each – and some 21 other countries taking an hour a day, it is questionable whether they may cover their costs.

The rugby threat remains, even though it is thought that an unofficial decision not to go has already been taken by Scotland, without whom the tour could hardly be contemplated. Brigadier Dennis Shuttleworth, the president of the RFU, is due to have informal discussions with England players on their attitude at the December squad session. Opinion will doubtless be divided, so to speak, between prop forwards immune to political considerations and their more sensitive three-quarters brothers.

What rugby people in general, and in particular Albert Agar and David Brooks, the RFU's representatives on the Home Union's tour committee, must realise is that a Lions tour would provoke not only British and internaional hostility but physical demonstrations within Sout Africa by the United Democratic Front, which would lead to massive police resistance and political dissension.

The four home unions should recognise that however much rugby within South Africa is now largely non-racila, however far the Government have gone in absolving sport from the application of the apartheid laws, however many blacks and coloureds may be selected on merit to play against the Lions, however rightfully the British wish to uphold the independent right off individuals to make free and politically unaligned decisions, the rugby teams may only reach the grounds by steppingg over bodies in the street.

More at stake than rugby independence

There is now an extraordinary dichotomy in the British Government's stance: the Prime Minister vigorously resisting Commonwealth sanctions and the Sports Minister committed to uphold the Gleneagles Agreement. The Sports Council is probably not unanimous. But John Smith, the chairman, says the Council will oppose the tour, yet their position has not been debated in five years in committee and several members would probably object to disapproval of the tour.

Bob Weighill, the secretary of the RFU, does not consider that cancellation of the tour, amountting to formal exclusion of South Africa from the international board, would necessarily push international rugby headlong into professionalism, led by rebel South African tours. There are issues at stake on the Commonwealth Games besides Scottish pride, rugby independence, South Africa's agonizing metamorphosis and Black African emancipation.

FOOTBALL

Sponsors and chairmen put smile back on the face of the League

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The Football League won two matches yesterday. In the morning, they announced that their main knock-out competition had attracted a new sponsor, and in the afternoon they heard reassurances from the first and second division club chairmen that there is to be no attempt to reduce the present structure of 92 clubs.

The first words of comfort were uttered in London, when it was stated that the trophy currently known as the Milk Cup will next season become the Littlewoods Challenge Cup. It is evident that the League officials, aware that the chairmen were meeting later in Birmingham, moved in to steal their public thunder.

Jack Dunnett, the League president, and Graham Kelly, the secretary, described the timing of the announcement as "officially purely coincidental". Both wore the broadest of smiles, however, and they admitted that "the news should help to galvanize the situation" that was about to develop some 100 miles to the north.

"At a time when the media and one or two club chairmen are prepared to write off the Football League, I'm very pleased to welcome the support of the Littlewoods organization", Mr Dunnett said. "It is heartening that such a big company should make such a generous investment in the future."

Mr Kelly, who has been involved in the negotiations for some three months, is convinced that the leading clubs thinking of a breakaway from the League will prefer to take part in an event that, by its nature, is open only to those who are in the League. The rewards are substantially richer than those on offer in the FA Cup.

Liverpool, for instance, collected not only £64,000 for winning the Milk Cup in 1984 but also £494,000 as their share of the net gate receipts. Walsall, Liverpool's victims in the semi-final, received £120,000. The prizes next season are sure to be enlarged, even for the first round losers, who this season gained £1,750.

Although the distribution of the funds has yet to be determined, Littlewood's overall contribution is significantly larger, £2 million over three seasons as opposed to the National Dairy Council's £2.2 million over four seasons. It has been stipulated that the first prize, currently £72,000, will remain the most attractive team award in British sport.

Desmond Pitcher, Littlewood's chief executive, confirmed that his organization has "every confidence in the game's future and it is increasing every day".

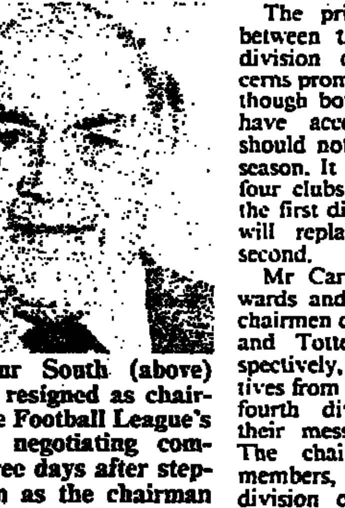
Mr Pitcher, an avid suporter of both Everton and Liverpool, was interested particularly in how his home town clubs, who are among those threatening to break away, would greet the deal. Later he heard Philip Carter, Everton's chairman and the spokesman for the first and secind division clubs, offer words of comfort.

Although he declined to reveal details of the outcome of the Birmingham meeting, he said that the third and fourth division clubs would not lose their League status if a super league is formed.

"The message we are anxious to get across at this stage is one of reassurance, especially to the public and the smaller clubs. There is no way we want to see any of the third and fourth division clubs going out of business or any of their players being put out on the dole," Mr Carter said. "But we have got to look at ourselves as in the entertainment business of the 80s and 90s. If we don't, then some of us are going to die. But I stress nothing will be to the detriment of the smaller clubs."

The principal disagreement between the first and second division club chairmen concerns promotion and relegation, though both are understood to have accepted that changes should not be made until next season. It is then expected that four clubs will go down from the first division, and only two will replace them from the second.

Mr Carter and Martin Edwards and Irving Scholar, the chairmen of Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur respectively, are to meet representives from the second, third and fourth divisions to confirm their message of reassurance. The chairmen of the full members, the first and second division clubs, are to gather again on December 18.



Sir Arthur South (above) yesterday resigned as chairman of the Football League's television negotiating committee three days after stepping down as the chairman Norwich of City.

Scots rated below Irish and English

England and Northern Ireland will not be in the same four-country preliminay pool when the draw for the 24-nation World Cup finals takes place in Mexico on December 15. But Scotland, who have to beat Australia in a play-off on December 4, have been given a lesser ranking by FIFA and could meet either of the two other home countries in the first round pools.

Joao Havelange, the FIFA President, told L'Equipe, the authoritative French sports paper, that after the six seeds – Brazil, Mexico, the hosts, and the 1982 simi-finalists, Italy, West Germany, Poland and France – the remaining 18 countries would be divided equally into three hats.

One would consist of the two other South American qualifiers, Argentina and Uruguay, and the four remaining European teams who reached the second round pools at the 1982 World Cup – England and Northern Ireland, who met in the qualifying competition for Mexico, Spain and the Soviet Union.

The third hat will be of the remaining five European nations – Bulgaria, Belgium, Denmark, Portugal, Hungary plus either Scotland or Australia. The fourth hat will be made up of Canada, Paraguay, the two African representatives, Morocco and Algeria, South Korea and either Iraq or Syria.

At the draw one country from each hat will be drawn in turn to make up the six first round pools, each consisting of four teams.

Havelange said: "The draw will be organized, as always, in a manner to protect the interst of the competition but it is still a draw by lots."

Australia aim to mow down Scots

Australia have decided to let the grass grow beneath their feet in a last-ditch bid to frustrate Scotland's World Cup plans. While the Scots fought off travel fatigue at Singapore, the half way stage on their exhausting 26-hour flight from Heathrow to Melbourne, Frank Arok, the Australian manager, has been telling the groundstaff at Melbourne's 35,000 capacity Olympic stadium to let the grass grow as long as possible to try to interrupt the fluency of Scotland's play in the second leg next Wednesday.

Iraq expected to qualify

Baghdad, (Reuter) – Iraqis are likely to fire a barrage of bullets into the air if their national team beats Syria in today's World Cup qualifying match. Iraq, who have won six of their last seven games against Syria are expected to continue their successful streak at the Saudi Arabian resort town of Taif.

The first leg of the two-leg tie in Damascus two weeks ago ended in a 0-0 draw. The return is being played on neutral territory because FIFA bans contests in war zones and Iraq has been at war with neighbouring Iran for more than five years.

Family ties

Mexico City (AP) – A five-year-old boy whose mother picked the sites for the 1970 World Cup will do the same on December 15 for the 1986 tournament in Mexico. Luis Javier Barroso Canedo, of Mexico City will draw the names of the teams and determine the groups where each team will play.

● Paris, (AFP) – UEFA, the European football union, have no plans to start an inquiry into allegations that Dino Viola the chairman of Roma, tried to bribe the referee of a European Cup match between his club and Dundee United last year.

United undermined by their own pitch

By Hugh Taylor

Dundee United's winning goal against Neuchâtel Xamax was their 100th in European competition and the manager, Jim McLean, is confident that it will be enough to see the club through to the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup.

He said of the 2-1 victory, achieved as a snow-storm blew into Tamadice on Wednesday night: "We finished much the stronger side and should have won by more goals. But I feel that although Neuchâtel proved to be an impressive side, we can present problems they cannot solve in Switzerland in the second leg on December 11.

The United manager was still upset yesterday by the failure of the new underground heating apparatus, installed at a cost of £100,000. "That", he said, "allowed the snow to lie deeply on the pitch and that surface suited Neuchâtel better than it did us".

United's goals were scored by Dodds and Redford in the second half, in which United pressed from start to finish, athough Neuchâtel scored first and showed admirable touches early on, their liveliness was later dampened by the resolute Scottish midfield.

"Our vast European experience paid off", McLean said. "And it will stand us in good stead in Switzerlan".

Borussia Mönchengladbach crushed UEFA Cup holders Real Madrid 5-1 in their first leg third round tie on Wednesday night. Rahn scored twice early in the second half as Borussia swept Real aside in Mönchengladbach.

There were home defeats for both. Soviet teams left in the competiton uninspiring draws for the Italians and 2-1 home wins for Hammarby, of Sweden, and Athletic Bilbao, of Spain against West Germany's Cologne and Sporting Lisbon respectively.

Nantes, of France, beat Spartak Moscow 1-0 in Tbilisi, Georgia, and Hajduk Split won 1-0 against Dnepr in the Ukrainian city of Krivoi Rog. AC Milan held Waregem 1-1 in Belgium and city rivals Internazionale drew 0-0 at home to Legia Warsaw.

Elliott delays move

Luton Town's unsettled defender Paul Elliott has asked for time to consider a move to Aston Villa after the two clubs agreed a £400,000 fee. Elliott, the England under-21 player who has lost his first team place at Luton, had discussions with the Villa manager, Graham Turner, at Villa Park yesterday. Turner said: "I have detailed team plans to Paul and as I expected he has asked for time to think matters over. We are building a young and exciting team at Villa Park and Paul is very much the type of player who fits into my short and long-term plans."

● Portsmouth's chairman, John Deacon, has made his club's Milk Cup fourth round second replay against Tottenham Hotspur at Fratton Park on December 10 all-ticket. Deacon said the kick-off had been put back half an hour to 8pm in a bid to prevent any repetition of the chaos outside Fratton Park, before Wednesday night's first replay.

● A move to wrest control of Wolverhampton Wanderers from the Bhatti Brothers has been formulated by leaders of Wolverhampton Council. Thet plan to launch a takeover bid for the assets of the club which is threatened with relegation to the fourth division.

● Barnsley manager, Allan Clarke, will not be asking for a postponement of the match against Millwall on Saturday after all. All his players turned up for a training session yesterday after being told to stay away from Oakwell for 48 hours because of a flu virus running through the club. Clarke considers he will have 12 fully fit players for the home game.

Holmes called in to solve problems at Nuneaton

Non-League football by Paul Newman

Jimmy Holmes, the former Coventry City and Tottenham Hotspur defender, has been given the task of reviving the sagging fortunes of Nuneaton Borough. Holmes, a Republic of Ireland international, took over as player-manager of Nuneaton this week and his immediate aim will be to keep the Warwickshire club in the Gola League.

Nuneaton finished runners-up last season, but have yet to recover from the summer departures of Graham Carr, the manager, and several players. Peter Morris, Carr's successor, was dismissed four weeks ago after only five months at the club and Nuneaton are only one place off the bottom of the table.

Holmes, who has been appointed on a full-time basis, will be assisted by Richard Dixey, the club captain, who has had two successful spells this year in temporary charge of the team. Dixey wanted the manager's job, but only on a part-time basis. Other applicants for the position included Bruce Rioch, Keith Weller and Ray Train.

Holmes, who resigned as player-coach of Peterborough United earlier this month, has had no experience of non-League football, having joined Coventry directly from school. He made his first appearance for Nuneaton on Tuesday in the 2-1 defeat away to Stafford Rangers in the Bob Lord Trophy.

Two more managerial positions in the Gola League remain unfilled. Ray O'Brien wants the job at Boston United and has impressed during his short spell in temporary charge, as has David Johnson at Barrow. Johnson is delaying a decision on whether to accept the job on a permanent basis.

John Rogers, the former Altrincham forward, has been appointed manager of Witton Albion (Multipart League) after a successful run as caretaker, and Barry Dunn, a former Sunderland player, has been given the job at Whitley Bay (Drybroughs Northern League). Jim Pearson, who resigned as Whitley Bay's coach earlier this month, has taken a similar position at Blyth Spartans.

In the Southern League, Paul Richardson, the former Nottingham Forest and Stoke City player, is planning to take legal action after his dismissal as manager of Gloucester City. Richardson, who joined Gloucester in the summer, had taken the club to third place in the midland division table. Geoff Hester, the Gloucester chairman, said Richardson had been dismissed because he was difficult to contact and had not looked enough for new players.

● VS Rugby will play their twenty-second cup game of the season when they meet Tilbury in the FA Trophy tomorrow. The Southern League midland division club, whose gates are averaging nearly 700, have been able to play only seven league games because of their cup success

Poles apart: Anni Kronbichler, of Austria, on her way to winning the alpine skiing world series slalom in Sestrieres, Italy yesterday. It was her third World Cup slalom victory.

GOODWILL GAMES

Americans will get support

New York (Reuter) – The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) will assist American sports governing bodies taking part in the first Goodwill Games in Moscow next July, President Robert Helmick, the president, said at a news conference.

The competition will mark the first time since the 1976 Summer Olympic Games in Montreal that American and Soviet athletes will take part in a world-class outdoor event. National sports federations in more than 40 countries have been invited to send their top athletes to the Games.

Published reports that the USOC would not sanction the novel competition had been interpreted by some observers to mean that it would not co-operate in the venture. Traditionally, the USOC only concerns itself with Olympic competition.

"While it is not the position or function of the USOC to provide its sanction or endorsement to specific games or competition, one role of the USOC clearly is to support amateur athletic opportunities involving the United States and foreign nations", Helmick said. He added that a special USOC committee had been established to work with US sports governing bodies that will send athletes to the Games.

Helmick told Reuters that the USOC was determined to see that the best athletes possible represented the US in the Moscow competition. "When they walk into the stadium we want to make sure that the team representing the United States is the best team possible," he said.

The Turner Broadcasting System, the US organizers of the Games, had sought a clafication of the USOC position after George Miller, USOC general secretary, had indicated that the organization might not cooperate with national sports federations on the Goodwill Games.

Soviet sponsors of the Games are the USSR State Committee for Television and Radio (GOSTELERADIO) and the USSR State Committee for Physical Culture and Sport (SOYUZSPORT). The Games will include 180 gold medal events in 18 different sports. In all, more than 5,000 men and women athletes are expected to take part.

At the news conference, the Pepsi-Cola Company was named the first big sponsor of the Games. In addition to naming it as the official soft drink of the event, the agreement with the TBS will ensure the drinks company of worldwide television advertising and on-site presence at the Games.

SQUASH RACKETS

Unexpected triumph for hardball player

From Colin McQuillan, Cairo

Mark Talbot, the 25-year-old American hardball champion, yesterday laid claim to a place on the international softball squash circuit with a conclusive straight games victory over Philip Kenyon, the British champion that caused an unecpected splutter at the start of England's campaign for the world team championships.

Talbot leads an ambassadorial United States Squad in these championships as part of a growing transAtlantic effort towards blending the two versions of squash into a single worldwide grand prix circuit. He went out in the first round of the individual World Open in straight games to Ross Thorne, of Australia. His compatriots fared little better.

England eventually defeated the United States 2–1 but, against the lamentably below-par Kenyon, Talbot was a model of patient retrieval and precise delivery, winning 9-4, 9-2, 9-4 in 44 minutes.

The United States were first-round opponents in Pool One of a 20-nation competition that England are marginally favoured to win. Sponsored by ICI, the vastly experienced English squad anticipated little more than fizz and pop from their hardball cousins.

Indeed Ned Edwards, the US second string, hardlysparkled at all during a socinbl demonstration seved him by Hiddy Jahan, who needed just 20 minutes to win

If Jahan deliberately played on one engine, however, Kenyon fought desperately for a spark on which to fire against Talbot, only to discover the same damp distribution that let him down in the individual second round, interestingly enough also against Ross Thorne. Playing for the first time on the permanent glass centre court at the new Egyptian national squash centre, the British champion repeatedly lost view of the ball in side-wall reflection and appeared incapable of striking either length or height to front or back.

Until Jamie Hickox enmeshed John Nimick 9–4, 9–3, 9–7 in a bewildering array of unorthodox angles, Kenyon's continuing dullness cast a pall over a previous confident camp. Hickox was brought in for his England debut at third string when Gawain Briars was held back to play first string against Singapore later in the day.

Briars beat Peter Hill 9–6, 10–8, 9–4 in England's 3–0 win. Jahan disposed of Zeinal Abidin, 10–9, 9–1, 9–2, and Hickox beat Alex Tay 9–5, 9–1, 9–3.

RESULTS: Pool One: England 2, United States 1 (England first: H Jahan bt N Edwards 9-4, 9-1, 9-5; P Kenyon lost to M Talbot 4-9, 2-9, 3-9; J Hickox bt J Mimick 9-4, 9-3, 9-7); England 3, Singapore 0 (England first: G Briars bt P Hill 9-6, 10-8, 9-4; H Jahan bt Z Abiden 10-9, 9-1, 9-2; J Hickox bt A Tay 9-5, 9-1, 9-3); France 3, Kuwait 0. Pool Two: Finland 3, Malaysia 0; Australia 3, Canada 0; Greece 3, Malaysia 0. Pool Three: New Zealand 3, Monaco 0; Egypt 3, Holland 0. Pool Four: Sweden 3, Spain 0; West Germany Scotland 1 (Germans first: C Matini bt C Macmanus 9-7, 9-1, 9-1; M Ehlers lost to M McLean 8-10, 1-9, 4-9; R Shult bt A Thomson 9-2, 5-9, 9-3, 9-1).

REAL TENNIS

Same again for final

Wayne Davies and Lachlan Deuchar, the holders meet Chris Ronaldson and Mick Dean once again in the final of the George Wimpey open doubles championship at Queen's club tomorrow.

Davies and Deuchar defeated David Johnson and Gerard Parsons 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 yesterday. Despite gaining an early lead in the first two sets, the losers succumbed to hard-hitting play.

Ronaldson and Dean beat Colin Lumley and Kevin Sheldon 6-4, 6-5, 6-3. The losers led 3-0 and 4-2 in the first set, 5-3 in the second, and 3-2 in the third. Their opponents are renowned for coolness in tight situations.

SECOND ROUND: D C Johnson and G Parsons bt P Seabrook and J Ward, 5-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1.
SEMI–FINALS: W F Davies and L Deuchar bt Johnson and Parsons, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1. C J Ronaldson and M F Dean bt C J Lumley and K Sheldon, 6-4, 6-5, 6-3.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Third round, first leg: Dundee United 2, Neuchâtel Xamax (Switz) 1; Athletic Bilbao 2, Sporting Lisbon 1; Borussia Mönchengladbach 5, Real Madrid 1; Hammarby (Swe) 2, Cologne 1; Internazionale 0, Legia Warsaw 0; Waregem (Bel) 1, AC Milan 1.

MILK CUP: Fourth round replays: Portsmouth 0, Tottenham Hotspur 0 (aet); West Bromwich Albion 1, Aston Villa 2.
GOLA LEAGUE: Bob Lord Trophy: Second round, second leg: Maidstone 1, Cheltenham 0 (agg 4-2); Runcorn 8, Kidderminster 3 (agg 12-4).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: First round, first leg: South Liverpool 1, Oswestry 1.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Gateshead 2, Witton Albion 0.
VAUXHALL–OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Second round: Hackwell Heath 1, Dulwich Hamlet 3. Petersfield 0, Harrow 1.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: Second round: Tonbridge 0, Fisher 0.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Hull v Liverpool. Second division: Bradford City 1, Port Vale 1; York 3 Grimsby 1. Postponed: Scunthorpe v Preston.
EASTERN FLOODLIT COMPETITION: Wivenhoe 0, Witham 0.
FA VASE: Second round replay: Feltham 1, Southall 3.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: First round, first leg: South Liverpool 1, Oswestry 1.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bridgend 25, South Glamorgan Institute 16; Cardiff 15, Maesteg 3; Coventry 40, Birmingham 9; Moseley 37, Fylde 7; Pontypool 35, Abertillery 3; Pontypridd 19, Swansea 20.
UAV TOURNAMENT: South east final: Kent 11, Brunel 16.
OTHER MATCH: St Thomas' Hospital 92, Kings College Hospital 3.
SCHOOLS: Dover 3, Haberdasher's Aske's Hatcham 4.

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: First round: Hull 44, Swinton 0.

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

KAGOSHIMA, Japan: First round leaders (US unless stated): 70: Chen Tze-ming (Tai). 71: Chen Tze-chung (Tai), T Nakamura (Jap). 72: H Green, J Sindelar, N Yuhara (Jap), N Suzuki (Jap). 73: N Faldo (GB). 74: Hsieh Min-nan (Tai), R Wadkins, M Reid, S Hoch. 75: D Ishii, L Trevino, W Blackburn. 76: B Jones (Aus), G Marsh (Aus), A Lyle (GB), R Maltbie.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National Association (NHA): Hartford Whalers 9, Los Angeles Kings 0; Calgary Flames 5, New York Rangers 2; Detroit Red Wings 4, Buffalo Sabres 1; Washington Capitals 5, Montreal Canadiens 3; Philadelphia Flyers 6, Winnipeg Jets 1; Pittsburgh Penguins 7, Toronto Maple Leafs 1; Edmonton Oilers 5, Vancouver Canucks 6; Minnesota North Stars 4, New York Islanders 4.

CYCLING

ZURICH: Six-day race: 1, G Frank and R Pijnen (Den and Neth) 38 pts; One lap behind: 2, R Hermann and S Hermann (Liech) 60; 3, D Thurau and J Kristen (WG) 48; 6, G Wiggins and A Doyle (Aus and GB) 11.

CRICKET

MELBOURNE: McDonald's cup: Victoria 209 for 8 (P Young 83, D Whatmore 51); Tasmania 210 for 7. Victoria won by 8 runs.

FOOTBALL

SPANISH CUP: Third round, second leg: Espanol 3, Plasencia 1 (agg 8-2); Real Zaragoza 3, Eibar 0 (6-1); Racing 0, Mestalla 1 (3-1); Las Palmas 11, Lalin 1 (14-1); Osasuna 5, Alcorcon 0 (6-0); Hercules 2, Atlético Mallorca 1 (3-2); Sevilla 4, Merida 2 (6-2); Celta 2, Jerez 0 (3-0); Real Sociedad 2, Real Oviedo 2 (3-4); Sporting 2, Tenerife 1 (2-3); Valencia 6, Aragon 1 (8-2); Rayo Vallecano 1, Real Valladolid 0 (1-0); Real Mallorca 3, Real Betis 1 (4-2).
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Everton v Newcastle, postponed.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): New York Knickerbockers 83, Indian Pacers 77; Philadelphia 76ers 111, New Jersey Nets 100; Boston Celtics 132; Detroit Pistons 124; Milwaukee Bucks 114, Atlanta Hawks 96; San Antonio Spurs 104, Washington Bullets 97; Utah Jazz 114, Chicago Bulls 96; Portland Trail Blazers 110, Phoenix Suns 93; Golden State Warriors 104, Denver Nuggets 102; Houston Rockets 137, Los Angeles Clippers 130.
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying matches: Netherlands 73, Yugoslavia 110; Belgium 83, Hungary 75.

HOCKEY

IPOH, Malaysia: Six-nation invitation tournament: Group A: Spain 3, India 2. Group B: Pakistan 7, Malaysia 1.

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOULOUSE: Mid-Pyrenees selection 12, New Zealanders 18.

SKIING

SESTRIERE, Italy: World series: Woman's slalom: 1, A Kronbichler (Austria) 1min 31.82sec; 2, B Oertli (Switz) 1:31.90; 3, E Hess (Switz) 1:32.14; 4, M Svet (Yug) 1:32.65; 5, M Tlalka (Pol) 1:33.09; 6, M E Beck (WG) 1:33.29; 7, M R Quario (It) 1:33.39; 8, D Tlalka (Pol) 1:33.65; 9, V Schneider (Switz) 1:33.70; 10, C Schmidhauser (Switz) 1:33.87. Overall teams: 1, Switzerland, 136 pts; 2, Italy, 66; 3, Yugoslavia, 63; 4, Austria, 52; 5, West Germany, 40; 6, Poland, 19; 7, France, 18; 8, Sweden, 11; 9, Spain, 10.

ICE SKATING

SOLIHULL: Tuborg British Championship: Free skating: Women: 1, J Conway (Sunderland), 1.0; 2, S Jackson (Nottingham and Richmond), 2.0; 3, D Spendlove (Sheffield), 3.0; 4, F Ritchie (Dundee Angus), 4.0; 5, P Shellard (Southampton), 5.0; 6, R Ravenhill (Deeside), 6.0. Final positions: 1, Conway 2.0; 2, Jackson 4.0; 3, Ritchie 8.2; 4, T Tedder (Solihull), 12.2; 5, Ravenhill 15.6; 6, Shellard 16.6. Men: 1, S Pickavance (Blackpool), 1.0; 2, P Robinson (Blackpool and Billingham), 2.0; 3, D Reynolds (Streatham and Billingham), 3.0; 4, R Bunce (Queens), 4.0; 5, I Kerr (Kyle), 5.0; 6, S Durrant (Solihull), 6.0. Final positions 1, S Pickavance, 2.0; 2, P Robinson, 4.0; 3, D Reynolds, 7.2; 4, R Bunce 10.0; 5, S Durrant, 10.6; 6, I Kerr, 10.6.

TENNIS

TELFORD: LTA women's indoor tournament: semi-finals: N Jagerman (Neth) bt W Probst (WG) 6-2, 6-4; C Porwik (WG) bt C Wood (Sussex) 6-0, 6-3.

GYMNASTICS

TOKYO: One-day international: winners: men: Floor Exercises: Tong Fei (China), 9.75 pts; Horizontal Bar: Tong Fei, 9.80; Rings: Tong Fei, 9.65; Parallel Bars: Yang Yueshan (China), 9.75; Vaulting Horse: Yang Yueshan, 9.70; Pommel Horse: R Adeev (USSR), 9.80. Women: Balance Beam: C Popa (Rom), 9.85; Floor Exercises: U Klotz (EG), 10.00; Vaulting Horse: E Zeitzuze (USSR), 9.725; Uneven Bars: H Ricna (CZ), 9.90.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCH: Radley bt Harrow 5-15, 15-11, 15-8, 11-15, 7-15, 15-3, 17-14.

Wellington bt Marlborough, 15-11, 15-0, 15-12, 15-12.

SNOOKER

White sets the pace and takes the lead

By Sydney Friskin

Jimmy White, whose impulsive style has often brought about his downfall, ended an exciting afternoon's play by leading Tony Knowles 5-2 in the quarter finals of the Coral United Kingdom championship at the Guild Hall, Preston, yesterday.

White was inevitably the pacemaker. The score might have been 6-1 in favour of White if he had not missed a simple shot on the brown after taking the green, a gift presented to him by Knowles. The opportunity was then given to Knowles to take the last four colours and win the frame on the black. He thus reduced the lead to 5-2.

Ti was generally a frustrating afternoon for Knowles who watched White compile breaks of 83 in the third frame and 76 in the fifth. In between Knowles had won the fourth frame to reduce the lead to 3-1, helped along with a hard-earned break of 49.

White raced through the sixth frame in 12 minutes, having made an earlier break of 62, and when he started the seventh by making 32 he seemed to have been happily launched for a 61 lead until he made this costly mistake.

Knowles and White have met six times in open tournaments, the score at the start of the day standing at 4-2 in favour of Knowles. At their last meeting in the world championship quarter finals in May, Knowles won 13-10.

In the remaining quarter-final Dennis Taylor, the world champion, advanced in much lower gear to a 6-1 lead over Kirk Stevens, of Canada. While they were in recess (Taylor leading 3-1) White and Knowles had completed their quota of seven frames for the afternoon.

Taylor won a tightly-controlled second frame which took 40 minutes to complete. He secured it with a brown to pink clearance. Stevens, who had lost the first frame on the black, cut the lead to 2-1 after making an early break of 39 but Taylor came through the fourth with a more sustained effort.

Exchanges became more exciting in the sixth frame when Taylor answered a break of 55 by Stevens by making 54, eventually to win the frame on the black ball, which he sliced into a corner pocket by using the rest. He took the seventh frame more smoothly.

SCORES: Quarter-finals: D Taylor leads K Stevens (Can) 6-1. Frame scores (Taylor first): 55-45, 46-37, 25-77, 72-9, 69-11, 87-65, 111-35. J White leads A Knowles 5-2. Frame scores (White first): 71-37, 80-25, 47-21, 12-67, 82-10, 86-26, 55-57. Wednesday's quarter-finals: S Davis bt B West 9-1. Frame scores (Davis first): 78-30, 30-80, 91-45, 72-30, 87-44, 67-0, 105-7, 85-37, 104-0, 81-0. W Thorne bt T Griffiths 9-7. Frame scores (Thorne first): 100-17, 66-73, 85-16, 0-87, 35-65, 11-79, 7-99, 108-10, 88-30, 96-25, 104-21, 70-32, 33-73, 85-3, 32-97, 63-7.

Refreshing news

Heineken Ireland Ltd will continue its sponsorship of the Punchestown International Horse Trials in 1986, and will also sponsor the national championships.

GOLF

Jacklin merits a third term as cup captain

By Mitchell Platts

Tony Jacklin gave the Ryder Cup committee an easy task when they met in London yesterday to decide Europe's captain for the 1987 match against the United States at Muirfield Village, Dublin, Ohio.

Quite simply, the committee knew that Jacklin had earned a third term by leading Europe to a famous win at The Belfry in September when the United States suffered their first defeat since 1957.

However, Britain face a formidable task on the Murfield Village course, which Jack Nicklaus, the United States captain, created. This is why the Ryder Cup committee will still have some tough decisions to make, for Jacklin will demand, as he did for this year's mach, a personal say in team selection, rather than relying on a points system, and first-class arrangements, such as flying Concorde.

Jacklin, who has already informed the committee that he is prepared to select all 12 players, says: "The financial reward that the players receive for competing, and winning is reflected in the growth of the circuit – but I do insist that our team is treated in the same way as the Americans.

"That way we start on level terms because the players don't feel second raters – and we've now got the golfers, as we keep proving, to go on winning."

BOXING

Boys' show is marred by spectator brawl

By a Correspondent

A ringside brawl involving some two dozen spectators nearly forced the abandonment of the London Federation of Boys Clubs championships in the Cafe Royal's Napolean Suite on Wednesday evening.

The fracas, unprecedented in the 82-year history of the federation, forced members of the dinner-jacketed 800-strong audience, which had earlier included Dick Tracey, the Minister for Sport, and Ted Croker, the Football Association secretary, to run for cover.

The fighting started after a surprise ending to the 71kg title bout, the highlight of the programme, in which Tommy Shiels, from the Stowe club, Paddington, scored a two-round win over Jamie Robinson, Bethnal Green.

The brawl began and lasted for about five minutes before the volunteer security team of 10 Metropolitan Police cadets restored peace and shepherded the perpetrators, men and women, including Robinson's father, out of the arena.

The spectator trouble brings more bad publicity to boxing following the recent street confrontation between Mark Kaylor and Errol Christie.

There have been other crowd problems too, most recently after the Pat Cowdell-Azumah Nelson world title bout.

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RUGBY UNION: HOLMES DECIDES NEXT WEEK WHETHER TO JOIN BRADFORD NORTHERN

Ill health forces Bevan to resign as the Welsh national coach

By Gerald Davies

With their captain and scrum half, Terry Holmes, about to defect unexpectedly to Rugby League the Welsh team yesterday learned they had lost their national coach John Bevan.

Bevan, who resigned on health grounds, was taken ill and had to undergo surgery during the summer to remove a tumour. A further course of treatment is now required which means that it would not be possible for him to fulfill his commitment to the Welsh squad with the international season about to begin in January.

Holmes will decide early next week whether to accept Bradford Northern's lucrative offer to turn professional. Northern's vice-chairman, Robbie Firth said yesterday that Holmes had passed a medical and was "almost 100 per cent firm to sign, possibly tomorrow".

But the 27-year-old British Lion scrum half, said, "I am considering the offer and will announce my decision in the early part of next week. I've got to consider financial security for my family, even though it would be a real wrench to leave South Wales".

Holmes, capped 25 times and one of Britain's few world-class players, is thought to have been offered a £40,000 signing on fee and about £45,000 spread over three years.

The WRU received Bevan's resignation with regret and they acknowledged the dedication and commitment which he had given in great measure during the past four seasons and expressed the fervent hope that he will make a complete recovery.

Bevan: dedicated coach

The task of looking for his successor as coach and selector will now be under way in earnest at a meeting of the WRU general committee to be called next Thursday.

There is no very obvious candidate, needing as will a proven track record as international player and club coach, if the credentials of past occupants are anything to go by. He will need, too a qualification under the Welsh coaching scheme as well as, most importantly perhaps, the respect of a vociferous and opinionated rugby community. It is part of the survival kit as is, with so many hints and suggestions that will come his way, a gentle humour.

There are four front runners. Stan Addicott, formerly the Swansea RFC coach, now a committee man with the club and coach to the Swansea University team, who recently qualified for the first time for the second round of the WRU Cup. Leighton Davies, the Bridgend flanker of the 1960s, and a physical education lecturer at the South Glamorgan Institute and coach to the college team. He is higly successful with the student community

Ieuan Evans is already on the WRU committee as one of the five national representatives (formerly vice presidents) and is an elder statesman in the game in Wales. It was he who chaired the investigative committee which recently looked into the state of the game in Wales. He has extensive knowledge and experience of coaching from a highly productive period at the youth level, though to coaching Swansea RFC and Llanelli in the sixties. The fourth candidate is John Ryan who, though not actively coaching a major club at present, guided Newport to win the Cup Final in 1977 and took Cardiff to two of their wins in 1981 and 1982. All four are well versed in coaching, but none has played for Wales which, while, it is not an essential ingredient, all previous coaches have achieved.

Two candidates who have played for Wales are Terry Cobner, who assisted John Bevan during the last three years and Tony Gray, the former London Welsh player, who is already on the selection panel. The latter may be ruled out because of the demand that will be made on his travels to and from Bangor in the north of Wales where he lives.

Parochial views hold back statement

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Yesterday's expected announcement of the seedings and groupings for the 1987 world tournament for the Webb Ellis Trophy has been delayed – probably until next week – so that the representatives of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and France, can be informed first when they meet this weekend.

The date for the official announcement will depend upon the convenience of various other parties who have announcements of their own to make next week which seems a somewhat parochial way of treating a tournament which will not only be the firs of its kind but involves most of the main rugby playing countries in the world.

The organizing committee of the International Board (IB) met in Los Angeles last weekend and spent much of their time discussing the finances and rules relating to the tournament which is to be played in New Zealand and Australia. It was the first full meeting to be attended by Sir Desmond Sullivan, the newly-appointed executive director from New Zealand, one of whose primary roles will be to link commercial interest with the playing of the tournament and to ensure that the latter does not become subservient to the former.

I understand that, though the IB are revising their original scheduled tours, it remains Australia's intention to proceed with their visit to New Zealand next summer, probably playing 14 matches. If other proposals by France and Argentina for visits to Australia in the first half of the southern hemisphere's 1986 season come to fruition, there would be little time available for a British Lions tour to that country.

Australia is the venue which springs readily to mind as an alternative should the four home unions decide not to send a Lions team to South Africa next summer. Indeed, the Australian Rugby Union now finds themselves in the attractive position of being the arbiter of many destinies: both France and Argentina wish to visit as part of their realistic build up to the world tournament the following year, and it remains conceivable that the Lions will express a similar interest if civil conditions in South Africa remain as they are.

Two Australian and New Zealand officials will receive the closest possible view of leading players from the IB countries next April when the board celebrates its centenary. Bob Templeton, the coach to the 1981 Australians in Britain and Ireland, has been invited to manage the overseas side which will play against the Lions in Cardiff on April 16 and a five nations XV at Twickenham on April 19.

He will be joined by Brian Lochore, the All Blacks coach, who will attend to plan organization of the overseas teams.

Templeton will be in Britain earlier in the year as coach to the Queensland state side which will play six matches in England, Ireland and Wales in January. He will have with him 12 members of last season's grand slam winning Australians, among them Fould, the full back who will captain the touring party.

The tour begins with a game against Kent the county championships semi-finalists, at Blackheath on January 5, and the British sections concludes on January 21 against Llanelli, a game which will commemorate the late Carwyn James, whose name remains a vivid light not only at Stradey Park, but throughout Britain.

QUEENSLAND TOUR PARTY: R G Gould (captain), G Martin, B Moon, P Grigg, R Hanley, A Slack, M Cook, P Mills, A Herbert, M Lynagh, T Lane, P Slattery, B Smith, A McIntyre, M Crank, S Philpotts, R Lawton, T Lawton, M McBain, W Campbell, S Nightingale, D Frawley, T Coker, D Codey, J Gardner, J Miller, G Hassell. Fixtures: Jan 5 v Kent (Blackheath); 8 v Middlesex (Wasps); 11 v Leinster; 14 v Ulster; 18 v Munster; 21 v Llanelli; 25 v Netherlands (Hilversum); 29 v Italians XV (Venice).

Coaches at top of the class

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

Paul Huntsman, the England prop, and Gordon Thomas, who jointly coach the Ermysted's Grammar school side in Skipton, must be delighted with their side's record to date: played ten, won ten. This record includes victories over **Lancaster RGS** 12-10, **West Park** 23-6, **Leeds** 15-9 and **Crosley Heath GS** 13-12.

Few first class players manage to combine the needs of their own career with dedicated coaching of a school side. Paul Huntsman is to be congratulated.

Brighton College have had a wonderful season, with 10 wins from 10 matches: but Worth deprived them of their unbeaten record by three penalties to the games' only try. Now Brighton have only **Hurstpierpoint** to play.

Epsom, following their two unbeaten seasons, have had a quieter time winning three and loosing seven. Their most recent match was against **Wellington**, who won 18-6, scoring four tries to one. It was a pleasant, open game with the ball run enterprisingly by both sides, but Epsom could not recover from a 14-nil deficit at the interval.

Sedbergh's good run ended at **Rossall** last week, where a fine match was staged, in effect, between the Sedbergh backs and the Rossall front row, with the Smith twins Andrew and Paul prominent.

News to hand of **Newcastle-under-Lyme** school, who are enjoying an excellent season. They had won 11 matches from 11 played, their latest win being against **Denstone** whom they defeated 27-6 but lost their unbeaten record to **Kings, Macclesfield** (6-nil). Conrad Ware, the full back, has been outstanding and the team coached by David Moss-Bowpitt, has also been well served by Mark Aber, its captain.

I am taken to task by Sir Alan Outram, master in charge of rugby at Harrow in the early seventies, for writing: "Harrow finally beat **Wellington** after an interval approaching 17 years." I should have added: "... at Wellington." The correct figure should have been "... 15 years" as Harrow beat Wellington (away) in 1971.

Canford win by grasping the obvious

By David Hands

Canford School 10
Bryanston School 6

Bryanston sustained only their second defeat this term in the splendid treelined home of their old rivals, Canford, yesterday. They went down by a goal and a try to a goal in a match which allowed each school to display their primary virtues: Canford in the scrum, Bryanston among the backs.

Canford trailed by six points at the break in one of 12 games being played between the two schools. Thereafter, they grased the obvious, that if they could keep the ball among their vack row they would win.

In the first half they had tried to move the ball wide and succeeded only in losing ground; but Wilson, their red-headed flank forward, came to dominate the loose ball and it was no surprise to see them win with what amounted to two pushover tries.

It was a pity that neither midfield possessed greater penetration because all four wings showed glimpses of merit, notably Field on Canford's right. Mulenga, the Zambian high jumper, who appeared for his country in the 1984 Olympic Games, had little opportunity to show his paces on the Bryanston wing, but his Nigerian colleague, Ikeazor, established the position from which Sillem scored their try against a somewhat flat and stodgy defence.

Playing down the hill in the second half Canford reduced their opponents to stern defence; Bryanston, whose previous defeat came against Marlborough, were redeemed only by the efforts of their lineout.

The scores were level when Canford were awarded a penalty try after their opponents collapsed a scrum on their one line and the winning score came from Black after Bryanston's scrum had been marched back in disarray for ten metres.

SCORERS: Canford: Tries: Slack. Penalty try: Conversion: Hendy. Bryanston: Try: Sillem. Conversion: de Glanville.
CANFORD: S Black; R Dahl, J Dunning, M Hiller, A Field; J Layard, P Hendy; E Clarke, D Shillingford, M Taylor, A Wilson, M Tennant (captain), R Stirling Q Jones, J Kenny.
BRYANSTON: M Sillem; R Crosfield, C Ikeazor, R Newall, M Mulenga; S Bromley, P de Glanville (captain), D Taylor, S Brolly, H Al Omar, G Sayer, N Metcalfe, P Makin, R Stanbrook, C Maundrell.
Referee: A Mason (London).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Experienced hooker makes a move

Oldham rugby league club, who have played nine of their last 11 games away from home, eased their desperate cash flow problems yesterday when they sold Alan McCurrie, their veteran hooker, to Hunslet, in the second division.

McCurrie, aged 31, who has been playing at Hunslet on loan, was listed at £8,000. But Frank Myler, the Oldham managr, admitted "the fee was less than our asking price."

● Steve Dennison (Mansfield) and John McCabe (Runcorn) were suspended for six matches following recent dismissals when their cases were dealt with by the Rugby League disciplinary committee in Leeds. Other suspensions were: Keith Newton (Widnes), Paul Fletcher (Bramley) and Derek Ramsdale (Leigh) four; Trevor Stockley (Widnes) three; Fred Whitfield (Widnes) two; Roy Haggerty (St Helens) one. Sending off was judged sufficient for Shaun Womersley (Dewsbury), while not guilty decisions were returned in the cases of Graham Idle (Hunslet), Frank Cassidy (Swinton) and Andy Timson (Rochdale).

● Salford have released Australian centre Mick Pobjie and New Zealand utility player Roby Muller. Pobjie joined Salford only two months ago from South Sydney, while Muller moved from Warrington last year.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

(7.30 unless stated)

Third division
Bournemouth v Rotherham

Fourth division
Colchester v Crewe Alexander
Halifax v Hereford
Southend v Chester (7.45)
Tranmere Rovers v Stockport

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: LTA women's tournament (Telford)
BADMINTON: Bucks Championships (Bletchley LC)
REAL TENNIS: George Wimpey British Open singles & doubles (Queen's Club)
SNOOKER: Coral UK Open (Preston Guild Hall)
ICE HOCKEY: Tour match: Telford Tigers v Toronto Blackhawks (Canada) (6.30).

CRICKET

Pitch poses puzzle

Perth (Reuter) – Australia and New Zealand yesterday expressed misgivings about the new wicket to be used for the third and deciding Test starting here tomorrow.

The New Zealand tour manager, Glenn Turner, took a look at the pitch, which is not properly settled yet, and the freshly-planted outfield and asked: "Is it really ready?" Alan Border, the Australian captain, also looked at the pitch warily and gave his reaction: "It'll probably get better. It'll probably be magnificent next year – but have to play on it now."

Border added: "I've no idea how it will behave. It would be silly to make any comment on it because it is a brand new wicket." The groundsman, John Maley, believes it will play slowly and expects the ball to keep low occasionally. The outfield is lush and spongy, which should cut down the number of boundaries.

But Jeremy Coney, the New Zealand captain, was not as concerned as Turner. The pitch promised to play like a New Zealand wicket, with the ball coming onto the bat slowly, he said.

Australia are expected to name Ray Bright as 12th man. The only likely change to the New Zealand side is the recall of Ewen Chatfield for Vaughan Brown.

● Adelaide (AFP) – India are expected to play a near-Test strength side against South Australia in the opening match of their Australian tour, which starts here today.

Pakistan change

Lahore (Reuter) – Pakistan, who lost the first one-day game against West Indies by eight wickets on Wednesday, have dropped off-spinner Tauseef Ahmed but retained leg-spinner Abdul Qadir for today's second game.

PAKISTAN: Mohsin Khan, Mudassar Nazar, Rameez Raja, Javed Miandad (captain), Imran Khan, Salim Malik, Salim Yousuf, Abdul Qadir, Mohsin Kamal, Waseem Akram, Zakir Khan.

Hard day-night

Pretoria (Reuter) – The "rebel" Australians will be looking to boost their spirits in the third tour match, which begins today, following their defeat in a limited-overs day-night match here on Wednesday. Their opponents in a three-day match here will be a President's XI.

SCORES: Northern Transvaal 211 for 9 (50 overs; A M Ferreira 61, A Geringer 50); Australians 204 (49.2 overs; K J Hughes 72).

YACHTING

Clubs get new cup

By John Nicholls

A new match racing series for the Viyella Cup is to be organized by the Royal Yacht Squadron next season. There will be a 1,000 guinea prize for the winning club. For the first year, eight clubs are to be invited to race in a knock-out competition with a best-of-three final between the two leading boats. Yachts of the new Fighter 33 class will be for the series.

● A chance for the public to assist the 1987 British America's Cup challenge will be provided at the International Boat Show at Earls Court. A special private preview of the show has been arranged for December 31 and 5,000 tickets are available on this day at £11.50 each. Tickets may be obtained in advance from the British Americas Cup challenge, 26-28 Sackville Street, London W1X IDA.

● The Beaken of Cowes Challenge Trophy, awarded by the Cowes-based marine photographers Concours d'Elegance, has been won by Backlash, designed by Julian Everitt. Owned by Tim and Cathy Herring, of the Royal Burnham club, Backlash was deemed the most attractive and most photogenic yacht of 1985. Backlash won the Queen's Cup and the Britannia Cup during Cowes Week and the Town Cup in Burnham Week.

ATHLETICS

High injury risk to women who run marathons

Cleveland (AP) – Women who run marathons face much greater risks of physical injury than those who run short distances, according to the university research workers.

Ellen Rudy, of Case Western Reserve University, and Patricia Estok, of Kent State University, reached the conclusion from a study involving 95 female runners.

The researchers compared 57 marathon runners who competed in a 26-mile race with 38 non-marathon runners who took part in a 6-mile run. They found the marathon runners were more likely to suffer a range of physical injuries.

For example, 11 per cent of the marathon runners, compared with only three per cent of the non-marathon runners, had experienced achilles tendon inflammation.

"Certain physical symptoms are related to the intensity of running, and women need to be aware of this before they decide to increase their mileage," Rudy said. "Running up to 10 miles a week is beneficial – beyond 20 miles the risk of injury increases," she said.

Knee injuries plagued all runners, regardless of distance. The researchers found about 50 per cent of both groups suffered them, a figure higher than that found among male runners.

Strong returns in January

Shirley Strong, a Los Angeles Olympic hurdles silver medal winner whose racing season was spoilt last summer when recovering from an Achilles tendon operation, has been operated on again. The injury has been a setback to her Commonwealth Games preparations but she expects to be fully fit to defend her 100 metres hurdle title in Edinburgh next July.

The United Kingdom record holder, six times British champion and a 1982 European finalist, will begin light training in January. She expects to have the plaster taken off her right leg next month.

Cry of the wild: Schapers (above) wild with joy after an unbelievable victory, and Becker (below), wild with anger at an unbelievable mistake

TENNIS

Becker left trailing and wailing by Dutch journeyman

From Richard Evans, Melbourne

Boris Becker, looking very young and helpless, was eliminated from the Australian Open here at Kooyong yesterday / by Michael Schapers, a Dutchman of towering build but small repute whose current ranking is 188.

The score their second round match, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, explains little. The results came about through a combination of factors, all rich in irony. The previous evening Scapers had complained bitterly to Weller Evans, the ATP road manager, about the scheduling of his match. He had wanted a day's rest after slogging his way through a tough five-setter against another West German, Wolfgang Popp, but his request was refused because the tournament committee insisted of big names to fill their centre court programme.

As it turned Schapers' familiarity with the wet and windy conditions gave him the edge ever Becker, who had received a bye in the first round.

It was the impetuosity of youth that had brought Becker all the way out here in the first place, and it was that same impetuosity which hastened his end on court.

With the Davis Cup looming on December 20, Becker's manager, Ion Tiriac, had advised against entering the Australian Open. But Becker, who reached the quarter-finals here last year, was insistent and Tiriac eventually applied for a wildcard spot in the draw to comply with the young man's wishes.

But Becker was out of sorts as soon as he arrived last week. He needed to see a doctor over a stomach upset and, in practice, never found his rhythm.

The court was still slippery after Tuesday's rain and the wind blowing gusts around the huge stadium bowl. Becker's serve was frequently in tatters and Schapers attacked the short second delivery with venomous power.

Both men had chances to take control of the match but, surprisingly, it was the 26-year-old Dutchman who remained calmer in the critical moments. Often Becker blazed away at easy targets and missed by yards. His confidence was not helped by the fact that Schapers played better as the match went on and brought off some wonderful returns under pressure, once scooping back a forehand as he lay flat on his stomach.

The third set tie-break was crucial in retrospect, and again Schapers called the tune, before finally clinching by eight points to six on his third set point.

Becker, frequently wailing into the wind at his own ineptitude, dropped serve for the last time with a badly judged sortie to the net in the eighth game of the fifth set.

Although he produced one beautiful pass to pull Schapers back to 30-all in the next game, the Dutchman, who had never beaten anyone of this class before, held his nerve and served out for victory.

Becker said he was surprised that he could have played so badly. Unfortunately, surprises like that are all part of growing up, and being the Wimbledon champion does not automatically turn a boy into a man.

It was one of those days that hum with excitement and set a championship alight. For a few fascinating moments it seemed that Ivan Lendl might be in serious trouble too, as Leo Lavalle, the left-handed Wimbledon junior champion from Mexico, won seven consecutive games while taking the second set 6-0. Lendl haughtily turned the tide to win 6-4, 0-6, 6-4, 6-2, but Lavalle, who beat Brad Gilbert, the world's fifteenth ruked player, in Hong Kong last week, seems poised for a rapid advance in e professional ranks.

Slobodan Zivojinovic, who did to Mats Wilander at Wimbledon what Schapers has not done to Becker, blasted his way past the erratic No 9 seed, Scott Davis, while John Lloyd came up with one of his more positive performances to beat the No 11 seed Tomas Smid, of Czechoslovakia, 7-5, 6-7, 7-6, 6-3.

Lloyd allowed himself to slip into a moment of self-doubt fter losing the second set, but he quickly shook off the mood and finished the match with a crisp display of volleying.

Men's singles
First round: J Frawley (Aus) bt S Bonneau (Can), 6-4, 6-4, 7-6; M Dickson (US) bt M Bauer (US), 7-6, 6-2, 7-6; W Masur (Aus) bt M Oosting (Neth), 6-7, 6-3, 6-0, 6-0; B Schultz (US) bt C Miller (Aus), 6-4, 7-6, 6-2; D Cahill (Aus) bt T Benhabiles (Fr), 6-4, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; B Drewett (Aus) bt M Wooldridge (US), 7-6, 6-3, 7-6; M dePalmer (US) bt J Fitzgerald (Aus), 7-5, 6-4, 4-6, 5-7, 14-12; D Visser (SA) bt B Scanlon (US), 4-6, 7-6, 6-0, 2-6, 8-6; J Hlasek (Switz) bt C Limberger (Aus), 6-4, 6-2, 6-4. Second round: M Schapers (Neth) bt B Becker (WG), 3-6, 6-4, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3; B Dyke (Aus) bt H Sundstrom (Swe), 6-2, 6-2, 6-3; S Zivojinovic (Yug) bt S Davis (US), 7-6, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3; J Lloyd (GB) bt T Smid (Cz), 7-5, 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; M Wilander (Swe) bt G Muller (SA), 3-6, 6-3, 7-6, 6-4; P Annacone (US) bt R green (US), 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, 7-5; I Lendl (Cz) bt L Lavalle (Mex), 6-4, 0-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Women's singles
FIRST ROUND: H Mandlikova (Cz) bt C Benjamin (US), 6-2, 6-2; K Skronska (Cz) bt T Holladay (US), 6-3, 6-3; H Sukova (Cz) bt J Thompson (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; B Nagelsen (US) bt C Reynolds (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt A Croft (GB), 7-5, 6-3; M Navratilova (US) bt D A Hansel (US), 6-1, 6-1; P Shriver (US) bt A Holikova (Cz), 6-2, 6-3; W Turnbull (Aus) bt S Leo (Aus), 6-0, 6-0.

Men's doubles
FIRST ROUND (British result): J Bates (GB) and A Mansdorf (Isr) bt M Jeffery and S Furlong (Aus), 6-3, 6-4.

Women's doubles
FIRST ROUND (British result): A Hobbs and J Durie (GB) bt A Brown and S Gomer (GB), 7-6, 6-2.

Time again for doubles

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

World Championship Tennis have announced six of the eight teams who will compete for a first prize of £51,000 in their annual doubles tournament at the Albert Hall from January 7-12. Winners of grand slam tournaments are automatically eligible and the field will therefore include Mark Edmondson and Kim Warwick, champions of France, Heinz Gunthardt and Balazs Taroczy (Wimbledon) and Ken Flach and Robert Seguso (United States).

The three other teams already committed on the strength of their record on the grand prix circuit are: Paul Annacone and Christo Van Rensburg, Pavel Slozil and Tomas Smid, and Sergio Casal and Emilio Sanchez.

The winners of the current Australian championships will be eligible. Of they are among the teams already named, the seventh place will go to Pat Cash and John Fitzgerald. There will also be one wild team invited by the tournament committee.

The WCT doubles will also be played in December next year and that end-of-season date will be permanent. WCT have booked the Albert Hall until December, 1990, inclusive.

BOXING

Fit Jones eyes Honeyghan

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent

Colin Jones, whose future was in doubt because of a back injury that landed him in hospital recently, will be returning to the ring in the new year. The former European, British and Commonwealth champion will be chasing the world title again, and if need be he will be challenging for the three titles now held by Lloyd Honeyghan after the European champion's eighth-round victory over Sylvester Mittee, the British and Commonwealth champion, at Alexandra Pavilion on Wednesday.

From his home in Gorseinon, South Wales, Jones said: "I'm ready to do road work but will rest till the new year. I was fit before my back went, I'm 10st 12lb now and I could get fighting fit in six to eight weeks. I want my world ranking back because with the two world champions moving up to light middle, the whole world scene is going to burst open.

"I expect after a couple of fights to be back in the rankings, but if the European title will bring the world title nearer I shall challenge Honeyghan. He will have to make up his mind what he is going to do with those titles. I should be given first chance because I gave them up willingly."

Jones will be seeing a specialist in London on Wednesday for the final go ahead and also to find out why the injury keeps coming back. "I don't expect the specialist to put anything in the way," Jones said.

Honeyghan, in the meantime, is going to hold on tight to the three titles and make the most of his new position as triple champion. "I could not stop seeing the video of the fight," he said yesterday. "I watched it till 1am then got up at 4.0 and watched it again."

Micky Duff, Honeyghan's manager, will be taking him to Las Vegas for a ringside view of the batle between Donald Curry, the WBA and IBF champion, and Milton McCrory, the WBC title holder, for the undisputed title, before they move up to light-middle. Duff intends to introduce him to American boxing followers from the ring in the pre-contest preliminaries. Heneyghan will no doubt figure in the final line-up for the three vacant titles.

Honeyghan boxed like a true contender against Mittee. Even though Mittee, casting aside his ling-range boxing, threw himself into the bout and put Honeyghan under intense pressure to slog it out, Honeyghan, with remarkable coolness, boxed in his own stylish way.

He unleashed tremendous combinations, especially the right uppercut that stopped Mittee from dictating, and by the time Dr Adrian Whiteson decided in the eighth round that Mittee had too severe a cut over his right eye, Honeyghan was ahead by a good four to five rounds. It is unlikely that had Whiteson allowed the bout to continue that Mittee would have been able to make up the leeway.

However, Frank Warren, Mittee's manager, complained yesterday that Mittee should have been allowed to try to retriieve the situation. "I've seen worse cuts and fighters have been allowed to carry on," Warren said.

Mittee, who had four front teeth knocked back in the first round, had to have them physically straightened by his corner so that he could bite on his mouthpiece, bu his corner's makeshift job was to no avail and Mittee lacked bite in his most torrid moments. Yesterday the dentist patched up his gum and put in a brace

● Las Vegas, (AFP) – The toss of a coin will decide the length of the world championship bout for the Unified middlefield middleweight title between Don Curry the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion, and Milton McCrory the World Boxing Council title holder, on December 6 here. The WBA and IBF distance is 15 rounds while the WBC favour 12.

HOCKEY

Territories are to make their selections early

By Joyce Whitehead

For the first time all five territories will have selected their teams by December 1. This is by order of the All England Women's Hockey Association and is experimental for two years. Instead of all five territorial inter-county tournaments finishing by New Year's day with the announcement of the teams, all five tournaments had ended by last weekend and only Midlands had named their team.

Tomorrow, trialists from north, south, east and west meet Accrington, Bisham, Cambridge and Cheltenham. The north will play at Foxhill Bank, the sports centre owned by Valerie Robinson (England's most capped player) and she is one of the 38 invited to trial. There are 10 from Yorkshire, nine from Lancashire and eight from Cheshire in high-powered teams in the north.

The east have invited 29 players and three at least will be promoted to fill the places vacated by Brenda Howe (Essex), Helen Bray (Suffolk) and Chris Whitmore (Essex).

The south will be missing Caroline Rule (formerly of Berkshire) the England and Great Britain player who has moved to the Midlands where she will be an asset to that defence.

With inevitable injuries, selection is never easy. This is the year for the territories to select their best team and forget about team-building for the future. They should set as high a standard as possible. Only then can England hope to return to the top league in the hockey world.

Satellite plans

The Lawn Tennis Association are running a five-week men's satellite circuit from January 27 to February 28, worth around £30,000 in prize money. There will be four weekly tournaments at Peterborough, Bramhall, Telford and Queen's Club, London, followed by a "masters" event for the top 16 players at the new David Lloyd Sports Club, Croydon.

IN BRIEF

British pair win through to European PGA

Garry Torbett and Charles Giddins, of Britain, won a one-hole play-off in a deciding tournament at La Manga, Spain, and qualified for the European PGA. Torbett and Giddins, competing with 24 other golfers, scored two-under par three on the five-par one-hole yesterday.

● Chen Tze-ming, of Taiwan, scored a 70 to take a one-stroke lead over his younger brother Tze-chung and Toru Nakamura, of Japan, in the Kagoshima tournament in Japan yesterday. Britain's Sandy Lyle, the defending champion, scored a 76.

SWIMMING: Jean Hill, of Larkhall Avondale, and Helen Slatter, of Norwich, have been added as travelling reserves to the Great Britain squad for next month's European Cup.

HOCKEY: Spain, who won the Intercontinental Cup last month, beat India 3-2 in the opening group A match of a six-nation tournament for the Sultan Azlan Shah trophy in Ipoh, Malaysia yesterday. In a group B match, the Olympic champions, Pakistan beat Malaysia 7-1.

VOLLEYBALL

England to plan the way ahead

By Paul Harrison

The future strategy of the English national teams, men and women, juniors and seniors, will be discussed at a meeting on December 15 between English Volleyball Association officials and the national coaches.

The poor showing of England teams internationally has damaged the credibility of the sport at a time when it has secured increasing promotional opportunities such as last weekend's successful international between France and Sweden. It was won by the French and will be seen on BBC on December 14. French television took the match at Bath live.

No England team was involved, although the Royal Bank Cup match between Speedwell Rucanor, whose home court it was, and Sheffield Polytechnic took place immediately afterwards. Andrew Lowczowski, the England senior men's coach, said: "Any opportunity to see quality volleyball in this country is good, but we don't have a strategy for the top end of the game here."

This seems to be a point that the EVA has taken to heart. Richard Callicott, the chairman of the EVA, said: "Clearly there is something not right. We need to be more successful than we are internationally. That is what we are going to discuss on December 15."

One immediate and heartening spin-off from the Bath promotion was the French offer to have the England junior men to train with their counterparts for 15 days at the French camp in Montpelier.

Another indication of the wide gulf between Continental and English volleyball should be seen this weekend, when Polonia, the English champions entertain Dinamo Bucharest, from Romania, in the first round of the European Cup.

Polonia acknowledge that they will do well to win one set in their home leg on Sunday at the Swiss Cottage Sports Centre, Hampstead, and their task is not made easier by the fact that they have not played for the past two weeks. Last Saturday, in the cup, RAF Harriers had to default.

On Monday, Capital City Brixton have arranged a friendly against the Romanians at Brixton Recreation Centre, to perhaps help them lay the bogey of their own humiliating home defeat last sason by a Bulgarian side in the same competition. To raise money for the event, Capital City are holding a jumble sale in Brixton on Saturday. Polonia's players dig into their own pockets for their European matches. Such is amateur sport.

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RACING: AMERICAN OFFICIALS CONTINUE BREEDERS' CUP DRUG CASE INVESTIGATIONS IN EUROPE

Lashkari inquiry moves to France

From Desmond Stoneham, Paris

The news that the Aga Khan's Lashkari has been disqualified from fourth place in the Breeders' Cup Turf has been greeted with shock at Chantilly where the colt is trained by the highly-respected Alain de Royer-Dupre. Investigators from the New York State Racing and Wagering Board arrived in France yesterday to continue their inquiry.

Yesterday evening a spokesman at the Aiglemont headquarters of the Aga Khan said: "We are cooperating with the American investigators 100 per cent and we have nothing further to add for the moment."

A post-race urine test on Lashkari revealed traces of the dangerous narcotic, etorphine, which is also known as M99, immobilion or elephant juice. The last description has come about because the morphine-based drug is capable of stopping even an elephant.

In small doses, however, it is believed to have a completely different effect and it has been said that a lightly-framed lady, drugged with etorphine, would for a few hours be capable of lifting a man several times her own weight. Etorphine is said to be 10,000 times stronger than morphine and the only other previous case in racing history occurred at Illinois racetrack.

Since the Shergar case, all the horses belonging to the Aga Khan are subject to maximum security precautions and this was the case when Lashkari was stationed at Aqueduct for the Breeders' Cup.

The feeling in France is that Lashkari was "got at" while in the United States. Royer-Dupré is one of the most respected and successful trainers in France. His principal victories this year have come with Mouktar (Prix du Jockey-Club) and Sumayr (Grand Prix de Paris and Preis Von Europa).

Accuracy poised for quick encore

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Accuracy, A decisive winner on her hurdling debut at Newbury last Saturday, turns out again for the valuable Crowngap Winter Hurdle at Sandown Park today. A good stayer on the Flat, Accuracy will relish today's distance of two miles five furlongs.

At Newbury she was driven clear in the straight to beat Cottage Run by 10 lengths. As Cottage Run had won his only previous race this season at Chepstow by three lengths from the useful Kamadee, Accuracy may now prove good enough to beat Summons, whose early autumn defeat of Bronski has been made to look all the better by Bronski's three subsequent victories.

At Wolverhapton on Monday, Bronski won the Reynoldstown Cup for novice hurdlers by beating Ballytrent. A repetition of that performance should see Ballytrent win the Ridgecross Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

Fred Winter, Ballytrent's trainer, can complete a double with Hazy Sunset, who is napped to win the Bigmore Handicap Chase. At Wincanton earlier this month, Hazy Sunset was heavily backed to win the Badger Beer Handicap Chase on his seasonal debut but, with Oyster Pond setting a blistering gallop from the start, Hazy Sunset was never really able to get into the race.

Ben de Haan had to settle for fourth place on that occasion but still finished 12 lengths in front of Leodegrance, one of his three opponents this afternoon. The others are Aughra Boura, who has won at Stratford and Plumpton this season without looking special and Membridge, who was put to rout by Professor Plum at Kempton eight days ago. Hazy Sunset should be capable of doing likewise.

Accuracy and Brian Reilly, an impressive winning combination at Newbury six days ago, take on stronger opposition in today's Crowngap Winter Hurdle at Sandown

Memberson, in the same ownership as Membridge, can take the Surrey Racing Handicap Chase following that promising effort against Castle Warden at Kempton last week.

At Leicester, Regal Pleasure should win the Silver Bell Handicap Chase if he gets around. His form figures do not exactly inspire confidence but the fact remains that on the only occasion this season he has not unseated Mr Dixon Stroud. he finished second to Very Promising at Chepstow.

Brassey is fined at Destroyer hearing

Kim Brassey, the Lambourn trainer, was fined £250 by the Jockey Club disciplinary committee yesterday over the late withdrawal of Destroyer from last month's Tote Cesarewitch at Newmarket.

They found him to be in breach of the Jockey Club instruction on non-runners, in that he failed to notify the clerk of the course without delay that Destroyer would not run. However, they found that he had not broken rules 144 (I) or 220 (III) which relate to the interests of horseracing in general.

Brassey incurred the wrath of several trainers, jockeys and owners by leaving Destroyer in at the overnight stage, preventing a 13lb rise in the weights, but then taking him out on the day of the race because he was lame.

This meant that only nine of the 21 runners ran off their proper handicap mark and several jockeys had to put up overweight.

After yesterday's inquiry, Brassey said: "It wasn't until midday on Friday that Destroyer was found to be slightly feeling his off-fore foot, which he had hurt on a rusty nail at home two weeks earlier. The vet said on the Friday afternoon that the horse should not run because his injury had flared up again.

"Unfortunately I was at the sales in Newmarket, so it was difficult for me to inform anyone. However, the committee said today that as it was such a big race and so much depended on Destroyer running that I should have informed the clerk of the course and the press on Friday rather than wait until Saturday. It was a very fair hearing."

Earlier, Freddie Starr, the comedian, lost his appeal against the disqualification of his horse, Kings Bridge, from first place in the John Tilling West Country Championship Chase at Devon and Exeter on November 1.

Sedgefield off

Snow and frost have caused the abandonment of today's meeting at Sedgefield. Racing at Newcastle tomorrow is in doubt and an inspection is planned for early this morning. There are three inches of snow on the track and frost in the ground.

MOTOR RALLYING

Toivonen resists Alen's charge

Henri Toivonen won the Lombard RAC rally yesterday for the second time to give the Lancia Delta a remarkable victory on its international debut. The 29-year-old Finn snatched the lead for the first time when his team-mate, Markku Alen, went off in the notorious Keilder Forest in Northumbria and lost five minutes as the rally became a lottery on the final treacherous ice and snow covered stages.

Toivonen, on leave from National Service in Finland, once in front never looked back despite being penalized one minute 20 seconds for arriving late on a stage because of mechanical problems.

He even resisted a determined charge through Scotland and the Lake District yesterday from the long-time leader Alen.

Britain's top driver, Tony Pond, had to settle for third place in the MG Metro. Pond, who has a reputation for being reckless, had piloted the new Austin Rover car with great discipline through the 65 stages over five days but was unable to break the Lancia stranglehold.

It was a remarkable achievement by the 40-year-old Londoner, who had been suffering from influenza since the start but still steered the Metro, also making its international bow, to within two minutes 27 seconds of the winner after 2,200 miles of gruelling action.

Alen, the fastest driver on 27 stages, took second place and in the end was a mere 56 seconds away from victory. Pond said: "It would have been good to win but we are delighted to have done so well in our first major international event. The more frights you have on this type of rally the more it keeps you awake."

This trio dominated the event since the world champion, Timo Salonen, and the former champions, Hannu Mikkola, Walter Rohl and Bjorn Waldegard dropped out

FINAL PLACINGS: 1, H Toivonen (Fin) and N Wilson (GB), Lancia Delta, 9hr 32min 05sec; 2, M Alen and I Kivimaki (Fin), Lancia Delta at 56; 3, A Pond and R Arthur (GB), Austin Rover Metro at 2:27; 4, P Eklund and B Cederberg (Swe), Audi Quattro at 29:30; 5, J Kankkunen (Fin) and F Gallagher (GB), Toyota Celica at 38:48; 6, J McCrae and I Grindrod (GB), Opel Manta at 43:56; 7, T Kaby and K Gormley (GB), Nissan 240RS at 52:33; 8, R Brookes and M Broad (GB), Opel Manta at 53:45, 9, R Millen and B Rainbow (NZ), Mazda RX7 at 57:34; 10, I Carlsson and B Melander (Swe), Mazda RX7 at 57:52.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Final positions: constructors: 1, Peugeot 142 pts; 2, Audi 126; 3, Lancia 70; 4, Nissan 56; 5, Toyota 44; 6, Renault 38; 7, Volkswagen 29; 8, Porsche 24; 9, Mazda 22; 10, Ford 21. Drivers: 1, T Salonen (Fin) 127 pts; 2, S Blomqvist (Swe) 75; 3, W Rohrl (WG) 59; 4, A Vatanen (Fin) 55; 5, J Kankkunen (Fin) and H Toivonen (Fin) 48; 7, M Alen (Fin) 37; 8, B Waldegaard (Swe) 34; 9, M Kirkland (Ken) 28; 10, B Saby (Fr) and M Biasion (It) 23.

ICE SKATING

Joanne Conway: can go right to the top

Jackson's challenge

By John Hennessy

The tussle for supremacy in British women's figure skating between the new 14-year-old champion, Joanne Conway, and Susan Jackson, winner in 1983 and 1984, will form an absorbing domestic sub-plot to the European championship in Copenhagen in February.

Britain have two places for women there, thanks to Miss Jackson's tenth place last year, but only one for the world championships in Geneva a month later, so that it is by no means a foregone conclusion that the national champion will be our representative at world level.

It has happened before, twice in recent years, that the champion has been passed over, and it would be hard to resist the claim of Miss Jackson if she were to turn the tables on Miss Conway when the pair meet for the third time this season in Copenhagen.

Miss Jackson came back from a setback in the figures to overtake Miss Conway in the St Ivel international at Richmond in September, but there could be no reprieve for her this week at Solihull. Miss Conway was the surer of the two in the punishing short programme and the more versatile in the long free programme.

National championships are not a reliable guide to international competition and it is even possible for two skaters to reproduce precisely the same performances at the higher level and yet find their respective positions reversed. That could have been possible with the St Ivel competition, won by Miss Jackson, but not the Solihull championship, since Miss Conway outscored her rival at all points.

Yet this is a girl who missed the whole of 1983 because of a severed achilles tendon and finished only third in our junior championships last year. It is enough to reawaken one's belief in Father Christmas.

The crucial factor in Copenhagen may be the younger girl's lack of experience. At 20, Miss Jackson is an old hand, unlikely to be affected by the big occasion. But there is no knowing whether Miss Conway will be overwhelmed by the bustling international atmosphere or face it with the insouciance of youth. Certainly she seems to have a splendid temperament, less nervous at Wednesday night's free-skating than her trainer, Christa Fassi, from Colorado Springs.

Miss Conway has made such progress under the eye of Mrs Fassi and her equally eminent husband, Carlo, first during the four months of the summer and again during the short month or two that separated the St Ivel from the British, that Miss Jackson will probably face a still more formidable hurdle in Copenhagen if she is to retain her place in the world championship.

SANDOWN PARK

GOING: good to firm

12.20 RIDGECROSS NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,442: 2m) (11 runners)

104	401212	YABIS (D) (BF) (K Al-Said) J Edwards 4-11-8	P Barton
105	4p0-111	DIAMONDS HIGH (J Musson) P Mitchell 4-11-8 (7 ex)	R Dunwoody
106	0-41120	ROGER NICHOLAS (D) (BF) (Mrs M Stirk) Mrs M Stirk 6-11-5	Mr D Williams 7
109	3-11p	STICK OF ROCK (E Parker) D Barons 5-11-2	H Davies
111	20004-3	FLYING OFFICER (B) (A Shaldrake) M Pipe 8-11-0	J Lower 7
114	040113	ROYAL CRAFTSMAN (D,B) (M Ingram) Mrs N Smith 4-10-13	S Shilston
115	10-2021	BE MY LUCK (D Graham) R Hodges 4-10-12	Mr P MacEwan 7
119	300-02	BALLYTRENT (MRs G McKey) F Winter 5-10-7	J Duggan
124	054220	BLACK SHEEP (BF) (Mrs E Dudgeon) I Dudgeon 8-10-1	R Linley
128	0p00p-0	CENTAUR SONG (D Underwood) D Underwood 5-10-0	Steve Knight
129	00/000-	GILES CROSS (Dr D Chesney) Dr D Chesney 6-10-0	Dr D Chesney

1984: Gold Of A Gunner 4-10-1 G Charles-Jones (10-1) S Mellor 18 ran

3 Diamonds High, 7-2 Yabis, 4 Ballytrent, 13-2 Royal Craftsman, 8 Flying Officer, 10 Stick Of Rock, 12 Be My Luck, 16 others.

FORM: YABIS (11,10) 3L 2nd to Dominate (11.0) with ROYAL CRAFTSMAN (11-10) beat Crisp (10-10) a length at Windsor; earlier (11-3) just held off ROGER NICHOLAS (11-10) by a neck at same course (2m Nov Hdle, £1,004, firm, Nov 9, 10 ran). STICK OF ROCK (11-4) pulled up at Kempton last time; previously (11-10) very easy winner by a distance from Majuba Hill (11-10) at Newton Abbot (2m Nov Hdle, £550, good, Aug 26, 4 ran). FLYING OFFICER (11-0) 14L 3rd to Punter's Lad (11-10) at Devon (2m 1f Nov Hdle, £790, good, Nov 12, 17 ran). BE MY LUCK (11-10) beat Redgrave Artist (11-0) 2L at Devon (2m 1f Hdle, £819, good, Nov 12, 18 ran). BALLYTRENT (10-12) head 2nd to Bronski (11-8) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f Nov Hdle, £3,160, good to firm, Nov 25, 15 ran).
Selection: BALLYTRENT

Sandown selections

By Mandarin

12.20 Ballytrent. 12.50 Perhaps Lucky. 1.20 Private Views. 1.50 Accuracy. 2.20 Memberson. 2.50 HAZY SUNSET (nap). 3.20 Vale Of Secrecy.

By Michael Seely

12.20 BALLYTRENT (nap). 1.20 Prying Parsons.

12.50 CROWNGAP NOVICE CHASE (£3,137: 3m 118yd) (7)

202	000030	BLACK ROD (A Baxter) N Mitchell 8-10-12	B Powell
205	f03-130	FLEMINGTON (A Goodman) W Perrin 6-10-12	R Dunwoody
207	350-ub4	HOPEFUL SAINT (T King) W King 7-10-12	H Jenkins
208	0020-24	MR CANDY (A Moore) A Moore 6-10-12	G Moore
209	8p0-	NOBLE FLYER (C Bravery) C Bravery 5-10-12	M Furlong
211	0232-01	PERHAPS LUCKY (Mrs V Hodges) D Elsworth 8-10-12	R Arnott
213	220031/	SAM DA VINCI (J Wilson) R Champion 6-10-12	H Davies

1984: Drumadowney 6-11-2 H Davies (10-1) T Forster 7 ran

13-8 Perhaps Lucky, 100-30 Mr Candy, 5 Flemington, 13-2 Sam Da Vinci, 10 Hopeful Saint, 12 Black Rod, 25 Noble Flyer.

FORM: FLEMINGTON (11-2) 4l ½l 6th to Sunny Me (10-9) at Market Rasen last time; earlier (11-5) beat Polly Major (11-7) ½l on the same course, Sept 28, (2m 5f Nov Ch, £1,145, good to firm, 9 ran). HOPEFUL SAINT (11-0) 32l 4th of 8 to Polly Major (11-1) at Fontwell (3m 2f Nov Ch, £1,309, firm, Oct 3). MR CANDY well beaten behind Rhythmic pastimes last time, previously (11-0) 3l 2nd of 13 to Gembridge Jupiter (11-0) at Stratford (2m 6f), Nov Ch, £1,782, good, Oct 18). PERHAPS LUCKY (11-2) beat Atataho (11-2) 2l at Wincanton (2m Nov Ch, £1,593, good to firm, Nov 14, 6 ran). SAM DA VINCI (11-0) beat Scotch Princess (10-5) 2½l at Doncaster on Mar 10 1984 (2m 4f Nov Hdle, £559, firm, 11 ran).
Selection: PERHAPS LUCKY

1.20 MALDEN TIMBER (EBF) NOVICE HURDLE (QUALIFIER) (£3,166: 2m) (16)

302	01	PRYING PARSONS (R Wright) K Oliver 4-11-5	T G Dun
303	0000-12	SNOWBALL DANNY (D) (BF) (A Ward) A Moore 5-11-5	G Moore
305		BARONIAL HALL (Lady Petersham) S Christian 5-11-0	R Beggan
312	1211-0	HASTY GAMBLE (BF) (L Connell) F Winter 5-11-0	J Duggan
313	002-	JACK'S LUCK (J Jiggens) M Tompkins 4-11-0	R Linley
314	p00-	JEZAIL (Lt Col P Dunn) J Fox 5-11-0	S Moore
316	0p-02	KEYBOARD KING (BF) (A Weller) D A Wilson 4-11-0	H Davies
317	0-0	KHOBI OBI (P Hannan) Miss E Sneyd 6-11-0	B Powell
319	0-0	MISCHIEVOUS MONK (A Watss) R Gow 4-11-0	A Webber
322	01	NO SCORE (C Squance) R Parker 6-11-0	P Double
323	1-	PRIVATE VIEWS (Mrs G Bronfman) N Gaselee 4-11-0	P Scudamore
326	10-	RIVA ROSE (W Gaff) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0	M Pitman 4
327	00	ROYAL ARMISTTIST (P Hannan) Miss E Sneyd 4-11-0	V McKevitt
331	42-	TARCONEY (R Whittle) P Cundell 5-11-0	A Gorman
336	p042f-	WAFFY-FRYER (G Hubbard) J Gifford 5-11-0	R Rowe
339	44400-0	WIND CHIMES (Mrs E Robinson) D Robinson 6-10-9	Mr D Robinson

1984: Lucky Rascal 5-10-7 M Palmer (12-1) J Gifford 21 ran.

2 Prying Parsons, 11-4 Riva Rose, 5 Hasty Gamble, 13-2 Tarconey, 8 Waffy-Fryer, 10 Private Views, 12 Snowball Danny, 14 Baronial Hall, 16 others.

FORM: PRYING PARSONS (11-0) 2l defeat of Heathervale (10-9) at Carlisle (2m 1f Nov Hdle, £643, good, Oct 25, 25 ran). SNOWBALL DANNY (11-5) ½l 2nd to Hot Handed (10-9) at Fontwell (2m 2f Nov Hdle, £1779, good to firm, Nov 5, 6 ran). HASTY GAMBLE unplaced behind Alrabates on debut over hurdles, last season (12-5) 1½l win over Holemoor Patrol (11-5) at Hereford (2m NH Flat £1257, firm, May 2nd, 17 ran). JACK'S LUCK best effort last term (11-3) 4l 2nd to Arizona (11-2) at Folkestone (2m NH Flat, £802, good to soft, May 14, 20 ran). PRIVATE VIEWS (11-0) a length victory over Deep And Even (11-6) at Worcester (2m NH Flat £831, firm, Apr 24, 26 ran). RIVA ROSE best form last year (11-9) beat Robin Goodfellow (11-0) 10l at Newbury (2m NH Flat, £1274, heavy, Mar 23, 24 ran). TARCONEY (11-6) 1½l 2nd to Firm Price (11-0) at Ayr (2m NH Flat, £1985, good, Apr 20, 21 ran). WAFFY FRYER (11-0) 8l 2nd to Woodsinger (11-0) here (2m Nov Hdle, £1525, good, Mar 8, 20 ran) with SNOWBALL DANNY (11-0) 2l farther back in 5th.
Selection: PRYING PARSON.

1.50 CROWNGAP WINTER NOVICE HURDLE (Group II: £5,029: 2m 5f 75yd) (10)

401	02-1212	GOLDEN DELICIOUS (Capt J Macdonald-Buchanan) D Nicholson 5-11-4	P Scudamore
402	4000-11	SUMMONS (Mrs S Embiricos) J Gifford 5-11-4	R Rowe
403	b2-1144	THE CLOWN (G Greenwood) M Naughton 4-11-4	D Browne
404	1	ACCURACY (Miss B Swire) G Balding 4-11-1	B Reilly
405	02/	BALLET CHAMP (S Gallagher) R Holder 7-11-0	Non-runner
409	0p/2-33	HARVEST FORTUNE (B) (D Hebditch) L Kennard 5-11-0	B Powell
413	213114	MAN O'MAGIC (B) (C Andrews) K Bailey 4-11-0	P Croucher
417	2214	OCEANUS (BF) (R Mitchell) Denys Smith 4-11-0	C Grant
421	01/040-	RAY PROSSER (Queen Mother) F Walwyn 9-11-0	K Mooney
423	000-2p	WINTERS SOVEREIGN (P Liddle) P Liddle 5-11-0	G W Grey

1984: Sutton Prince 5-11-4 R Linley (100-30) F Winter 12 ran.

100-30 Summons, 4 Accuracy, 9-2 The Clown, 6 Golden Delicious, 9 Man O'Magic, 12 Oceanus, 14 Ray Prosser, 16 others.

FORM: GOLDEN DELICIOUS (11-11) 5l 2nd to Homeward (11-11) at Ascot (2m Nov Hdle, £3,071, firm Nov 16, 8 ran). SUMMONS beat Holemoor Patrol in a match last time, prior to that (11-2) beat Bronski (11-7) a neck at Chepstow (2m 4f Nov Hdle, £1,475, good, Oct 5, 15 ran). THE CLOWN (11-1) 7l 4th of 8 to Gaias Image (11-1) at Warwick (2m Hdle, £2,082, good, Nov 16). ACCURACY (10-9) beat Cottage Run (11-7) 10l at Newbury last Saturday (2m Nov Hdle, £2,054, good to firm, 11 ran). MAN O'MAGIC 4th to Ballima latest, prior to that (11-13) beat The Reedcutter (10-13) 6l at Ludlow (2m 5f Nov Hdle, £548, Oct 3rd, 8 ran). OCEANUS 4th to Small Noble on most recent outing, prior to that (11-0) dead heated with Sherman Gutrey (11-10) at Carlisle (2m 1f Nov Hdle, £806, good, Oct 25, 20 ran).
Selection: THE CLOWN.

2.20 SURREY RACING HANDICAP CHASE (£3,137: 3m 118yd) (4)

504	3330p-4	MANTON CASTLE (C Halliday) R C Armytage 11-11-7	A Webber
509	11304-4	MASTER TERCEL (C,D) (A Godrich) J Spearing 9-11-2	–
513	31400-2	MEMBERSON (P Dufosee) P Dufosee 7-10-6	B Powell
515	341113	BURGLARS WALK (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 5-10-1	C Grant

1984: Greenwood Lad 7-11-7 R Rowe (5-1) J Gifford 5 ran.

9-4 Master Tercel, 5-2 Burglars Walk, 3 Memberson, 4 Manton Castle.

FORM: MANTON CASTLE (10-1) 9½l 4th to Run And Skip (11-4) at Warwick (3m H'cap Ch, £3,775, good to firm, Nov 16, 7 ran). MASTER TERCEL (11-0) 26½l last of 4 to Kings Bridge (10-2) at Newbury (3m H'cap Ch, £2,481, good to firm, Oct 25, 4 ran). MEMBERSON (10-0) short head 2nd to Castle Warden (11-12) at Kempton (3m 5f H'cap Ch, £3,118, good, Nov 21, 3 ran). BURGLARS WALK (10-0) 25½l 3rd to Brunton Park (11-10) at Market Rasen (3m H'cap Ch), previously (10-0) easy 10l winner from Sea Splash (10-5) at Southwell (3m H'cap Ch, £1,7688, good to firm, Oct 31, 9 ran).
Selection: BURGLARS WALK.

2.50 BIGMORE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,116: 2m 4f 68yd) (4)

604	33113-4	HAZY SUNSET (C) (BF) (C Cronin) F Winter 8-11-7	B de Haan
608	1-21220	LEODEGRANCE (Miss K Bernard) L Kennard 9-10-13	B Powell
610	1-41241	AUGHRA BOURA (Mrs L Simpson) J Gifford 9-10-11	R Rowe
612	00421-2	MEMBRIDGE (C) (P Dufosee) P Dufosee 10-10-4	R Dunwoody

1984: Beau Ranger 6-11-1 J Hurst (30-100 fav) J Thorne 2 ran.

5-4 Hazy Sunset, 9-4 Aughra Boura, 11-4 Leodegrance, 6 Membridge.

FORM: HAZY SUNSET (11.7) 10l 4th to Oyster Pond (11-4) with LEODEGRANCE (10-13) 12l back in 5th at Wincanton (2m 5f H'cap Ch, £3,843, good to firm, Nov 14, 7 ran), previously LEODERGRANCE (11-1) 3l 2nd to The Tsarevich (11-8) also at Wincanton (2m 5f Ch, £3,406, firm, Oct 31, 4 ran). AUGHRA BOURA (11-10) 5l scorer from Harbour Bazaar (10-0) at Plumpton (2m 4f H'cap Ch, £1,662, good to firm, Nov 11, 9 ran). MEMBRIDGE (10-12) backward when 12l 2nd to Professor Plum (11-12) at Kempton (2m 4f H'cap Ch, £2,033, good, Nov 21, 4 ran).
Selection: LEODEGRANCE.

3.20 SUNLEY BUILDERS 'BUMPER' FLAT RACE (£1,872: 2m) (22)

1	31-	SHEER STEEL (D) (Steel Plate & Sections Ltd) P Cundell 5-11-9	C Heywood 7
2	1	VALE OF SECRECY (D) (Mrs D Miller) R Fisher 4-11-9	K Ryan 7
3	1-	ZULU DAWN (D) (P Thompson) K Bailey 5-11-9	Mr M Armytage 7
5		ARNOLD'S HILL (Mrs V Philips) R Hodges 5-11-2	Mr P MacEwan 7
12		DR BINO (A Barabino) Miss E Sneyd 5-11-2	M Bosley 7
15		FLYING IRISH (P Bancroft) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-2	M O'Callaghan 7
17		GATTLEING (Mrs B Hennen) Miss E Sneyd 4-11-2	R Bellamy 7
19		HOME YER GO (T Keogh) J Gifford 4-11-2	A Doyle 7
23		KILMAGAR (P Haynes) P Haynes 4-11-2	G Lanzeu 7
25		KINGTOR (Southern Racing) D Barons 4-11-2	Mr R Barons 7
26		LAFOSSE (R Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-2	P Plumb 7
28		MAJOR BUSKINS (Major A Everett) G Balding 5-11-2	R Guest 7
29		MICHAEL HOUSE (Miss J Chater) J Webber 4-11-2	Miss P Hockings 7
33	0	CONDOOROO (Mrs E Boucher) D Oughton 5-11-2	–
35		PADDY O'BRIEN (S Burfield) C Popham 5-11-2	Mr C Brooks 7
39		PHAROAH'S LAEN (T Johnsey) J Francome 4-11-2	Mr T Tompson Jones
46		THE SUNKEN ROAD (Mrs P W Harris) P Harris 4-11-2	P Skyrme 7
58		LANDSOWNE LADY (C Bravery) C Bravery 4-10-11	Mr T Grantham 4
61		MIDNIGHT ROCK (P Tory) P Tory 4-10-11	Mr E Whettam
64		MISS SALLYPEE (Mrs M Potter) R Hodges 4-10-11	W Irvine 7
65		SHADEEDA (Maj C Bentall-Warner) J Fox 5-10-11	N Hunter 7
67		UP COOKE (Mrs T Ponsonby) N Henderson 4-10-11	Mr S Woods 7

1984: No corresponding race.

5-2 Vale Of Secrecy, 4 Flying Irish, 5 Sheer Steel, Kingtor, 8 Zulu Dawn, 10 Up Cooke, 12 Home Yer Go, Kilmagar, 16 others.

FORM: SHEER STEEL (11-6) Cheltenham winner from Cawlies Clown (11-8) (11-6) (2m NH Flat Race, £632, soft, Apr 11, 28 ran). VALE OF SECRECY (11-5) beat Arizona Dust (11-5) 25l at Ayr (2m NH Flat Race, £641, soft, Oct 12, 12 ran). ZULU DAWN off the course since (11-0) beating Patloch (11-0) 12l in an Ayr NH Flat Race in Spring 1984 (2m, £632, good to soft, 13 ran). CODOOROO (11-2) 43l 5th to Franks Folly (11-2) at Sandown (2m NH Flat Race, £1823, Nov 2, 16 ran).
Selection: VALE OF SECRECY.

LEICESTER

Going: good, hurdles; good to firm, chase

12.45 BEGINNERS' NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o: £672: 2m) (23 runners)

1	0013	BARCHAM PRINCE G Moore 11-3	M Hammond
2		BABSLAD G Morgan 10-10	S Johnson
4		BRUNAN G Hubbard 10-10	E Murphy 4
8	0	FOGAR D Murray-Smith 10-10	C Brown
10		HEATHGRIFF N Callaghan 10-10	J Suthern
12		HICKLING SQUIRES W Wharton 10-10	M Brennan
13	24	HOPEFUL HEIGHTS (BF) T Fairhurst 10-10	C Fairhurst
14	1	HUMPHREY THYME M Eckley 10-10	A O'Hagan
17		NOBLE WARRIOR G Vergette 10-10	Mrs J Saunders 7
19		PATRALAN W Musson 10-10	C Smith
20		PELLINCOURT A Pitt 10-10	–
22		RODNEY BAY R Williams 10-10	S Smith Eccles
23	000	SEXTON ASH R O'Sullivan 10-10	M Kinane
24	00	SNAKE RIVER D Nicholson 10-10	–
25		SYMPHYTUM G Huffer 10-10	D Murphy 4
27	3	THE LODGE PRINCE M Ryan 10-10	J McLaughlin
28	p	VESUVE Mrs J Pitman 10-10	C Mann
29		WHITHER GOEST THOU D Ringer 10-10	S McNeill
31	0	EDWIN'S PRINCESS K Ivory 10-5	M Richards
32		IDLE TIMES G Blum 10-5	I Barlow
33	00	ITS GOOD ERE E Carter 10-5	M Pepper
35	004	MAKING TRACKS C Williams 10-5	C Cox 7
40		THE BETSY C A Bell 10-5	J H Davies

1984: Stratheam 11-3 R O'Leary (5-4 fav) J Fitzgerald 20 ran.

3 Th Lodge Prince, 4 Hopeful Heights, 5 Fogar, 8 Making Tracks, Patralan, 10 Pellincourt, 12 Barcham Prince, Snake River, 16 others.

Leicester selections

By Mandarin

12.45 The Lodge Prince. 1.15 Pershing. 1.45 Regal Pleasure. 2.15 Morice. 2.45 Palace Yard. 3.15 Scottish Bavard.

Michael Seely's selection's: 3.15 Heaton Park

1.15 BARKBY CLAIMING NOVICE HURDLE (£1,154: 2m) (15)

5	1340	TAMERTOWN LAD J Jenkins 4-11-6	S Sherwood
8	3	GALAWOOD C Tinkler 4-11-5	R O'Leary
10	4-302	TOP O'TH'LANE N Bycroft 8-11-2	P A Charlton
11	004-14	CAP D'AZURE (D) I Campbell 5-11-1	R Campbell
14		PENLLYNE'S PRIDE Mrs S Oliver 4-11-0	J Suthern
15	00-400	PERSHING (B) J Leigh 4-11-0	J Barlow
18	p/850-	SHARP STAR G Blum 7-11-0	–
20	0132	PASS ASHORE (D) M Oliver 5-10-12	–
28	000p	BURLEY HILL LASS R Woodhouse 4-10-9	P Tuck
29	000-3	ANSWER TO PRAYER D Thom 5-10-8	D Murphy 4
30	000/3	EYELIGHT R Hollinshead 8-10-8	J J O'Neill
31	40/00	JINJA THYME (B) D Ringer 5-10-7	S McNeill
34	0-234	CHALET WALDEGG D Gandolfo 5-10-7	M Richards
36	02-01	CUALTAIR PRINCESS K Stone 4-10-7	A Brown
38	2304	SPARKLER SUPERB (B) P Pritchard 8-10-3	D Chinn 7

1984: Deep Coach 5-10-12 M Harrington (6-4 fav) D Gandolfo 11 ran.

3 Galawood, 4 Pershing, 5 Tamertown Lad, 6 Top O'Th'Lane.

1.45 SILVER BELL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,299: 3m) (6)

2	p-u2u	REGAL PLEASURE (BF) J Webber 7-12-5	Mr W Dixon-Stroud 7
6	0433-	SONNY MAY G Hubbard 8-10-12	E Murphy 4
7	1113/	ALL DIVINE (D) C Saunders 11-10-9	Mrs J Saunders 7
9	4424	OAKPRIME (D) D Pitcher 10-10-6	Mr D Pitcher
12	012-3	BALLYGROOBY R Perkins 8-10-1	G Williams
15	3344	NO RETREAT (D) P Pritchard 13-10-0	P Dever

1984: Glenlox 7-11-7 M Perrett (1-2 fav) S Mellor 5 ran.

11-8 Regal Pleasure, 3 Sonny May, 4 Oakprime, 8 Ballygrooby.

2.15 SILEBY NOVICE CHASE (£1,136: 2m) (4)

8	p0/0-0	GODLY P Haynes 6-11-5	A Webb
14	0203	MORICE M Pipe 7-11-5	P Leach
18	404-0	SUDBROOKE PARK C Brennan 7-11-5	M Brennan
22	200-0	MISS TALLI R Hartop 6-11-0	J Barlow

1984: Deep Cross 9-11-5 M Perrett (7-2) Mrs J Pitman 6 ran.

4-7 Morice, 5 Sudbrooke Park, 7-2 Godly, 12 Miss Talli.

2.45 BEGINNERS' NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £651: 2m) (21)

2	20	BOOM PATROL G Pritchard-Gordon 10-10	S Smith Eccles
4	2320	CHARLESTON GEORGE (B) D Jermy 10-10	G Old
5		CHRISTIAN SCHAD R Holder 10-10	N Coleman
6	0	CLAUDES MEN L Lightbrown 10-10	K Sims 7
7		COCKALORUM K Morgan 10-10	S Johnson
11	8	KALA PANI I Cox 10-10	C Cox 7
13		KING WOCKLE Mrs A Ratcliff 10-10	Miss G Armytage 7
15		MANDY'S BROTHER J Harris 10-10	J A Harris
17	0	PALACE YARD J Jenkins 10-10	S Sherwood
18		PIPELINE PROMISE W Wharton 10-10	M Brennan
19		SCUTTLER R Perkins 10-10	Dai Williams
21		SILVER CANNON R Woodhouse 10-10	P Tuck
24		WESBREE BAY N Bycroft 10-10	P A Charlton
25		WINTER TERM G Thorner 10-10	J White
26		A PEAL SUPREME J Fitzgerald 10-5	M Dwyer
27	4	BOURBON QUEEN M Blanshard 10-5	C Brown
28		CADENZA A Turnell 10-5	E Waite
31		LADY FIREPOWER R Holder 10-5	P Richards
32		LADY WOODPECKER M Ryan 10-5	G McCourt
33	4	MABLEANN I Campbell 10-5	R Campbell
35		SWEETWATER LASS M Eckley 10-5	A O'Hagan

5-2 Palace Yard, 3 A Peal Supreme, 4 Boom Patrol, 6 Christian Schad,

3.15 WALTHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,076: 2m) (13)

1	011	VANTAGE Mrs J Pitman 6-12-0	B Salby 5
5	1422-	TROUVERE (D) D Burchell 4-11-11	S Davies 5
10	2122-	SCOTSAN ICE (CD) G Hubbard 5-11-5	E Murphy
14	11-	JUDY'S DOWRY (D) W Wharton 4-11-1	P A Farrell
16	4244	SCOTTISH BAVARD (D) J Webber 8-10-12	M Jenkins 5
19	2010/	SAINT DUBASSOFF (D) J Spearing 8-10-10	D Chinn
23	p131-	AESCULAPIUS (D) I Campbell 4-10-6	G Diplock 5
26	4030	VAL CLIMBER (D) M Castell 7-10-4	K Traylor 5
27	0-310	CALMACUTTER (D) C James 8-10-4	–
30	110-f	HYDE I Anderson 8-10-1	–
31	00-00	HEATON PARK P Haynes 5-10-0	P Corrigan
32	41-00	ORBITAL MANOEUVRE (D) B McMahon 4-10-0	C Kesters
33	0402-	SANDICLIFFE AGAIN (D) D Laing 4-10-0	D Cox

1984: Ensigns Kit 8-10-5 P Finch (16-1) A Brisbourne 21 ran.

3 Scottish Bavard, 4 Scotsman Ice, 5 Calmacutter, 6 Vantage.

BLOODSTOCK SALES

Hall secures brother to Hallgate

By a Special Correspondent

Trade on the second day of the newmarket December sales showed considerable improvement and the exploits of the very fast two-year-old, Hallgate, certainly helped to sell his brother for 35,000 guineas.

Not surprisingly, the successful purchaser was Hallgate's trainer, Sally Hall, who secured this attractive foal for Michael Geraghty's Hippodromo Racing. The Middleham trainer was delighted with her purchase but said: "That was my last bid."

Hallgate won seven races last season culminating with in the group 3 Cornwallis Stakes at Ascot. Of Hallgate the trainer said: "He'll have one run in a Guineas trial next season and if he doesn't stay, will revert to sprinting."

Young Generation has enjoyed a good season with the likes of Prince Sabo and Young Runaway to represent him and tow of his offspring proved popular. A bay colt foal out of Migoletti made 41,000 guineas when bought by the British Bloodstock Agency representative, Joss Collins.

Paul Webber, of the Curragh Bloodstock Agency, paid 37,000 guineas for a bay filly closely related to the Nassau Stakes winner, Triple First.

● Winter Measure has been backed from 16-1 to 8-1 with the sponsors for tomorrows Mecca Bookmakers' Handicap Hurdle at Sandown. Prideaux Boy remains 7-2 favourite.

Results from two meetings

Warwick

Going: Good

1.0 (2m hdle) 1. GERE (R Dunwoody, 13-2); 2, Prince Tobique (A Webb, 10-1); 3, Foot Patrol (A Gorman, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 You Know, 5 Cornaboag (4th), 12 Hear No Evil, Kileigns Run (f), 14 Eyetrep, 16 Meslaku (5th), 20 Celtic Fleet, Celtic Harmony, Cordite Spear, How How, 33 Cliff Bank, Horsford Henry (p.u.), Kingswood Kitchens (p.u.), Smiling Laurel, Tenesaint, Tom Caxton, Jackie's Lass. 21 ran. 6l, 3l, 3l, ¾l, nk. P Bevan at Uttoxeter. TOTE: £8.40; £2.30, £4.00, £1.80. DF: £19.40. CSF: £83.09.

1.30 (2m hdle) 1. TAYLORS RENOVATION (K Sims, 7-1); 2, Poodle (G Landau, 5-2 fav); 3, Fair Youth (C Cox, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 O'G Boy, 6 Mr Chris Gateaux, 10 Inglifield, 14 Kalimpong, 16 Court Jewel (5th), Elmcote Lad, Hi-Tech Boy (6th), Roman Maid (p.u.), 20 Donnal Deux (p.u), Little Dimple, Our Chickiecta (4th), Warm Air (p.u).16 ran. NR: Khatti Hawk. 2l, 4l, 12l, 8l, 4l. L Lightbrown at Loughborough. TOTE: £13.80; £4.20, £1.80, £2.80. DF: £19.10. CSF: £29.82.

2.0 (3m ch) 1, GREEN BRAMBLE (S Smith, 11-10 fav); 2, St Alezan (P Scudamore, 11-2); 3, Royscript (P Dever, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Co Member, 7 Northern Bay (6th), 10 Sailor's Return (4th), 25 Port Askaig (5th). 7 ran 1½l, hd. 10l, 8l, 10l H Henderson at Lambourn. TOTE: £2.30; £1.40, £2.70. DF: £7.80. CSF: £7.25.

2.30 (2m ch) 1, DEEP IMPRESSION (P Scudamore, 4-11); 2, Indamelody (S Smith Eccles, 4-5 fav); 3, Skylander (K Mooney, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 16 Jimjams, 20 Haven Air (6th), Lewesdon Prince (5th), 25 Boardmans Crown (4th), Stans Pet, 50 Cutting Comment, Kemlock (BD), Mobile. 11 ran. NR: Rockman. 10l, 1½l, nk, 25l. N Gaselee at Upper Lambourn. TOTE: £2.80; £1.10, £1.90, £1.80. DF: £3.70. CSF: £7.47.

3.0 (2m hdle) 1, TEN PLUS (K Mooney, 5-4 fav); 2, Timely Star (M Pitman, 25-1); 3, Prince Rambore (S Morshead, 7-4). ALSO RAN: 16 Karnatak, 20 Khyber (pu), 33 Coltsfoot (6th). Connaught Cleaners, Frenchlands Lane, Master French, Mr Caractacus (5th), Netherton Lad, Nonstop, Prince of Dawn, Proverity, Rambling Echo, Sperlamo, Throw Me Over, Wherry Burn (4th), Bertie's Wish, Kay Dee Cee (pu). 20 ran. 12l, 3l, 2½l, 3l, 2½l. F Walwyn at Lambourn. TOTE: £2.20; £1.40, £3.00, £1.70. DF: £11.20. CSF: £8.16.

3.30 (2m 5f hdle) 1, MASTER BOB (J White, 4-1); 2, Premier Susan (R Beggan, 16-1; 3, Rig Steel (S Sherwood, 7-2 fav); 4, Tiptonian N Fearn, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Masterplan (su), 10 Notts Poosl (6th), 12 The Shiner, 14 Luigi's Glory, 16 Plaza Toro, War and Peace, 20 Linton, 25 Squires Close, 33 Supper's Ready, Sweet Solicitor, Speed Check, Fata Morgana, Chalkies Pet (ro), Fighting Rocket (pu), Haworth Park (6th), Jymario, Hope Gap. 21 ran. 1l, ¾l, 3l, 2l, 5l. N Henderson at Lambourn. TOTE: £4.60; £1.80, £5.50, £2.00, £2.10. DF: £35.60. CSF: £58.22. Tricast: £229.87. PLACEPOT: £3.40.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Cannon Shot, Lanygon, Tudor Parade, Maid Of Silver, Sandy Furniss, Derrynson, Water Logged, Bunter, Royal William, Say Gunner, Murchison, Lingwood Lane.

Wincanton

Going: good to firm

12.45 (2m hdle) 1, DOUBLETON (R Rowe, 85-40 fav); 2, Knight's Heir (R Chapman, 10-1); 3, Razor Sharp (B de Haan, 9-2). Also ran: 11-2 Gary Shaw (p.u.), 7 Sundown, 10 Spend Easy (6th), 20 Tap Tap Tap, 25 Enbyar Dan (4th), 33 Miss Golf, 50 Rymer's Son (5th), Proverbial Session, Scaldara, Silver Empress. 13 ran. NR: Caroline Ranger. 4l, 6l, 10l, 4l, 1½l. L Kennard at Taunton. Tote: £3.00; £1.10, £1.60, £1.70. DF: £23.10 CSF: £21.04.

1.15 (2m ch) 1, PADDYBORO (R Rowe, 6-4 fav); 2, Cinema Jet (H Davis, 2-1); 3, Freddie Bee (Mr T Grantham, 10-1). Also ran: 7-2 Fast Flight (4th), 20 Energise (5th). 5 ran. ½l, 10l, 2½l, 8l. J T Gifford at Findon. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £1.80. DF: £2.80. CSF: £4.82.

1.45 (2m 5f hdle) 1, MISTY DALE (B de Haan 5-1); 2, Rose Ravine (R Pusey, 8-15 fav); 3, Nislan (H Davies, 5-1. ALSO RAN: 20 Shamian (pu), 40 Corrib Lad (4th), 66 Royal Casino (5th), 100 Bally Code (ur), 7 ran. NR: Princess Isla 6l, 12l, 25l, 15l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. TOTE: £5.00: £190, £1.30. DF: £2.20 C.S.F. £7.41.

2.15 (3m 1f ch) 1, BROADHEATH (P Nicholls, 4-9 fav); 2, Atataho (G McCourt, 3-1); 3, Lodge's Fortune (A Sharpe, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Dawn Fox (ur), 4 ran. 20l, 3l, D H Barons at Kingsbridge. TOTE: £1.50. DF: £1.50. C.S.F. £2.03

2.45 (2m 5f ch) 1, CONCLUSIVE (B Powell, 20-1); 2, Beaconside (Peter Hobbs, 25-1); 3, Royal Gambit (R Rowe, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Lord Laurence (f), 100-30 Solid Oak (f), 6 Glen Road (4th), 11 Brostaigh (ur), 12 Johnnums (pu), 50 Rowden Ruler (5th), Dicta Den (6th), Shasto (ur), Jim's Darleen (pu). 12 ran. NR: Browthorn. 30l, 15l, ½l, dist. Miss E Sneyd at Reading. TOTE: £23.70; £3.30, £9.00, £3.20. DF: £270.30. CSF: £345.58.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, KITTO (Mr J Bosley, 11-10 fav); 2, Comedy Lane (R Rowe, 3-1); 3, Upham Gamble (R Earnshaw, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Morning Exchange (5th), 12 Paddy's Dream (ur), 33 Trip To Heaven (6th), 50 Devon Bay, Scots Lad (4th). 8 ran. NR: Teletrader. 15l, 10l, 30l, 20l. F Winter at Lambourn. TOTE: £2.50; £1.50, £1.10, £1.90. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.95. PLACEPOT: £49.45

● Misty Dale, winner of the Wessex Hurdle at Wincanton yesterday, will go chasing after running in the Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot next month.

Course specialists

SANDOWN

TRAINERS. F Walwyn, 22 winners from 89 runners, 24.7%; D Elsworth, 8 from 39, D Elsworth, 8 from 39, 20.5%; G Balding, 8 from 46, 17.4%.
JOCKEYS: Mr T Thomson Jones, 6 winners from 28 rides, 21.4%; P Barton, 10 from 50, 20.0%; R Dunwoody, 4 from 22, 18.2%.

LEICESTER

TRAINERS: Mrs J Pitman, 17 winners from 67 runners, 25.4%; J Old, 7 from 37, 18.9%; J Webber, 9 from 55, 16.4%.
JOCKEYS: J J O'Neill, 7 winners from 35 rides, 21.2%; S Smith Eccles, 10 from 52, 19.2%.

Law Report November 29 1985

Reasonableness of landlord's refusal

International Drilling Fluids Ltd v Louisville Investments (Uxbridge) Ltd

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Mustill and Lord Justice Balcombe

[Judgment delivered November 20]

The Court of Appeal reviewed the authorities on whether a landlord's refusal of a licence to assign a lease was reasonable.

Their Lordships, in a reserved judgment, dismissed an appeal by the landlord, Louisville Investments (Uxbridge) Ltd, against a declaration by Mr Edward Nugee, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge, that the refusal to grant the licence to the tenant, International Drilling Fluids Ltd, was unreasonable.

Mr Kim Lewison for the landlord; Mr Paul Morgan for the tenant.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that the property comprised in the lease was a two-storey office building known as Colne House, Highbridge Industrial Estate, Uxbridge. The term of the lease was 30 years from December 25, 1971.

The user clause in the lease prohibited the use of the property "for any purpose other than as offices within the meaning of Class II of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1963 with ancillary showrooms . . ."

The relevant part of the lessee's covenant against asssignment was: "not at any time during the term hereby granted to assign the whole of the demised premises without the licence in writing of the lessor being previously obtained such licence not to be unreasonably withheld".

In July 1983 the tenant instructed surveyors and valuers to try to find someone who would take an assignment of the lease of Colne House.

An inquiry was received from a Mr Brodie and a Mr Gluck, who wished to use the building for the provision of serviced office accommodation. That was a form of business which had developed in recent years to meet the demand for office facilities which could be used on a short-term basis.

In August 1984 the tenant applied to the landlord for licence to assign the lease to Euro, a company owned by Mr Brodie and Mr Gluck and for whose obligations they were prepared to stand as guarantors.

The landlord's solicitors wrote saying that their client was not prepared to grant a licence to assign "on the grounds that the investment value of our [client's] interest in the property would be detrimentally affected by the proposed use".

The following propositions of law were to be deduced from the authorities:

1 The purpose of a covenant against assignment without the consent of the landlord, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, was to protect the lessor from having his premises used or occupied in an undesirable way or by an undesirable tenant or assignee: see *Bates v Donaldson* ([1896] 2 QB 241, 247).

2 As a corollary to that, a landlord was not entitled to refuse his consent to an assignment on grounds which had nothing whatever to do with the relationship of landlord and tenant in regard to the subject matter of the lease: see *Houlder Brothers & Co Ltd v Gibbs* ([1925] Ch 575).

3 The onus of proving that consent had been unreasonably withheld was on the tenant: see *Shanley v Ward* ((1913) 29 TLR 714) and *Pimms Ltd v Tallow Chandlers Co* ([1964] QB 547, 564).

4 It was not necessary for the landlord to prove that the conclusions which led him to refuse consent were justified, if they were conclusions which might be reached by a reasonable man in the circumstances: *Pimms Ltd v Tallow Chandlers*.

5 It might be reasonable for the landlord to refuse his consent to an assignment on the ground of the purpose for which the proposed assignee intended to use the premises, even though that purpose was not forbidden by the lease: see *Bates v Donaldson* (at p 244).

6 On the question whether it was permissible to have regard to consequences to the tenant if consent to the proposed assignment was withheld there was a divergence of authority: see *Sheppard v Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation* ((1872) 20 WR 459,460); *Leeward Securities Ltd v Lilyheath Properties Ltd* ((1983) 271 EG 279,283); *Viscount Tredegar v Harwood* ([1929] AC 72,78,82) and *West Layton Ltd v Ford* ([1979] QB 593,605)]. A proper reconciliation of the two streams of authority could be achieved by saying that while a landlord needed usually only to consider his own relevant interests, there might be cases where there was such a disproportion between the benefit to the landlord and the detriment to the tenant if the landlord withheld his consent to an assignment that it was unreasonable for the landlord to refuse consent.

7 Subject to the preceding propositions, it was in each case a question of fact, depending upon all the circumstances, whether the landlord's consent to an assignment was being unreasonably withheld.

In the present case the judge considered the relevant authorities and reached the conclusion that the views of the landlord's expert witnesses about the effect of the proposed assignment on the value of the reversion, although views which could be held by reasonable professional men, did not in the circumstances constitute a ground for reasonable apprehension of damage to its interests. That was a decision on the facts to which the judge was entitled to come.

But in any event the judge reached the right decision considering the disproportionate harm to the tenant if the landlord were entitled to refuse consent to the assignment, compared to the minimum disadvantage which the landlord would suffer by a diminution in the value of the reversion.

Also, the judge could, and should, have had regard to the fact that the proposed serviced office user was within the only form of user permitted by the lease.

In most of the cases in which it was held reasonable to object to the proposed user, even though not forbidden by the lease, the user clause was in general terms, merely prohibiting the carrying on of any noxious or offensive trade or business: see, for example *Governors of Bridewell Hospital v Fawkner* ((1892) 8 TLR 637) and *In re Spark's Lease* ([1905] 1 Ch 456). An exception was *Premier Confectionary (London) Co Ltd v London Commercial Sale Rooms Ltd* ([1933] Ch 904), a decision at first instance which was not binding on their Lordships.

It was difficult to reconcile that decision with the second proposition of law set out above, and if it was suggested that it was authority for the proposition that in all circumstances it was reasonable for a landlord to refuse his consent to an assignment on the ground of the proposed user, even though the proposed user was the only user permitted by the lease, then his Lordship was not prepared to follow it.

There was all the difference in the world between the case where the user clause prohibited only certain types of use, so that the tenant was free to use the property in any other way, and the case where, as here, only one specific type of use was permitted.

In that type of case it was not reasonable for the landlord to refuse consent to an assignment on the ground of the proposed user (being within the only specific type of use), where the result would be that the property was left vacant and where, as here, the landlord was fully secured for payment of the rent.

His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Mustill agreed.

Solicitors: Helder Roberts & Co, Epsom; Nabarro Nathanson.

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Motoring by Clifford Webb

The true cost of thwarting car thieves

Now that Mrs Thatcher is taking a personal interest in moves to combat auto crime perhaps we shall at last get some action by manufacturers to make their cars more secure. In the meantime reports like the one recently issued by the Home Office suggesting that this can be done for pence rather than pounds are extremely misleading.

It is true that the actual cost to the car maker of a new high-security lock like those fitted to the new Ford Granada is a mere 6p a lock extra but that is only tackling one aspect of car security – the thief who picks the lock.

It does nothing about the more brutal approach using simple household tools which for obvious reasons I will not detail here but which enable a thief to gain admission in a couple of minutes instead of the 45 claimed by Ford.

There is also the problem of the thief who ignores the lock, punches a hole in the side window, reaches inside and opens the door. This appears to be a favourite method in the dark corners of large multi-storey car parks.

To combat both types requires the lock to be secured inside the door in a much more robust housing and toughened window glass to be replaced by more expensive laminated glass. Both involve costly re-engineering work on the door. For instance laminated glass is thicker and heavier than the very thin toughened glass introduced in recent years to make life easier for motorised winding systems.

My information suggests that all this would put an extra £100 on the cost of a car and it is that sort of figure we should be conditioning car buyers to accept.

In the meantime I have good news for owners of older cars with sill-mounted door locking buttons which protrude above the sill even when locked. Slipping a suitably bent wire coathanger or plastic tape through the door seal and under the button is child's play – but not if you fit the Bellam Carsafe. It is a cunningly-shaped plastic strip which is mounted over the button and held in place by two self-tapping screws.

Jensen Interceptor S4: Rebirth of a legend

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Luxury estate

More than one in three of all large estate cars bought in Britain are Volvos. The big load carriers also account for the same proportion of all the cars built by the Swedish group. Owners of Volvo estates are immensely loyal staying with the marque year after year. But of late there have been signs that some are becoming envious of the greater refinement, comfort, quietness and sheer luxury of the new breed of executive hatchbacks such as the Granada and Renault 25.

The long-running 240 series estate now begins to smack too much of the workhorse compared with these sophisticated newcomers. There are many who will continue to buy it for just this characteristic. There are others, however, who are tempted to change and, perhaps more importantly from Volvo's point of view, it has been missing out on conquest sales from other makes

The outcome is the new 700 series luxury estates based on the 700 saloon. The styling is equally conservative with the same angular lines, but on the estate the result is a much better looking vehicle. It will still lose out in a styling comparison with the soon-to-be-launched Mercedes replacement for its 200 series estate, but is still sufficiently eye-catching to win converts.

I drove the 760 GLE recently. First impressions are very important and my first impression on opening the door was of a very spacious interior reeking of expensive leather, generously upholstered seats, plush carpeting even in the vast cargo bay, an electric sun roof as standard and a very clean, instantly readable set of instruments. The finish both inside and outside was of the highest standard. The doors shut with that expensive sound so difficult to define but instantly recognizable.

Volvo 760 GLE estate: A feeling of luxury

Seven hundred series estates are available with a choice of Volvo's own 2.3 litre four-cylinder engine, the 2.8 V6 it shares with Renault and Peugeot and a turbo-charged version of the four cylinder. The 760 GLE has the Group of Three engine feeding the live back axle through a three-speed automatic gearbox fitted with an Asian-Warner overdrive to provide four ratios.

Vital Statistics:

Model: Volvo 760 GLE Automatic
Price: £16,400
Engine: 2316 cc, 4–cylinder turbo
Performance: 0–62 mph 11 secs, maximum speed 115 mph
Official consumption: Urban 17 mpg, 56 mph 34.9 mpg, 75 mph 26.6 mpg
Length: 15.7ft
Insurance: Group 7/8 provisional

It is a smooth and effective combination which moves the 15.7 ft car with a speed and ease belying its size and weight. The overdrive is switched in and out with a button on the side of the gear selector. For most of the time I left it in overdrive only resorting to the button for fast overtaking. A bright yellow light stays on when you are not using the overdrive.

Handling is surprisingly nimble thanks in part to the nicely-weighted power steering but even more to the excellent job the engineers have made of controlling the live rear axle. Road holding is good with the self-levelling dampers ensuring that even when loaded the car is not unduly tail happy. There is little roll but I found that in the wet the lack of roll warning could lead to overconfidence when cornering at speed.

The most impressive thing about the new estate is the quiet, unfussy way it goes about its business. It is a very refined motorway cruiser if rather heavy on petrol. Most drivers would be hard-pressed to better 20 mpg.

Jensen returns

Remember the Jensen Interceptor, over 7 litres of raw American V8 power in a hand-built "Grand Touring" body? Some 6,000 of these hairy beasts were made at the little West Bromwich factory before the company went broke in 1976. Now I am happy to report that they are back in production and leaving the factory at the rate of one a month.

The liquidator wisely kept the parts and service side going to supply the needs of not only 6,000 Interceptor owners but over 10,000 of the smaller Jensen Healeys. Three years ago the management team bought the business from the liquidator and shortly afterwards began to explore the possibility of manufacture.

They had the original plans and tooling. Many of the other parts were still in stock and there were plenty of firms ready to make up the gap. The original "gas-guzzling" 7-litre engine was no longer in production but Chrysler was able to offer a more modern 5.7 litre V8. Renovation of customers' own cars had continued all along so there remained a nucleus of skilled fitters.

The big stumbling block was the need to pass stringent type approval testing by the Department of Transport before a reborn Interceptor could go on sale. This included a head-on crash into a block of concrete which would write-off at least one car. With the basic car costing nearly £40,000 the project seemed stillborn.

Then someone remembered the film Jensen had made of the original crash-testing. It was found and proved to contain all the evidence and measurements necessary for the crash test to be avoided.

But it was not until March this year that the much-prized certificate arrived. Two prototypes built for the British Motor Show in October, 1984 had wetted a few appetites so without further promotion Jensen is already meeting its one a month target.

Chris Rudd, who in addition to being finance director also handles marketing and production, tells me: "Each car is built to the customer's specification. He tells us what he would like in colour and fittings and we give him a made-to-measure car." That sort of enterprise deserves to succeed.

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BIRTHS

GIBBS. – on November 27, at Eastbourne General District Hospital, to Julia and John – a son (Simon), a brother for Emma and Louisa.

GILBERT. – On November 20th, to Sarah (nee Slater), and Robert, a son, Matthew James

GORE-BOOTH – On November 24th, to Jane and Josslyn, a daughter.

HOMES–On August 4th 1985 at North Staffordshire Maternity Hospital to Wendy (nee Beswick) and Stephen, a son, Stephan James, home for Geoffrey's anniversary

LASCELLES on 27th November to Elisabeth and Chris, a son, (Simon John William), a brother for James.

LOVELOCK–on November 27th, at Edgware, to Lorraine & Stephen, a son James.

MURPHY. – On Wednesday, 27th November, 1985, at University College Hospital, to Helen (nee Gordon-Potts) and Kevin – a daughter, Cecilia Rachel.

PERRY On November 24 in Singapore to Laura (nee Schomberg) and Jan a daughter Olivia.

PICK. - On 8th November 1985, to Juliet (nee Sievens) and David – a beautiful daughter Shosannah.

STEIN. – On 27 November, at Shrodell's Hospital, Watford, to Kirsten (nee Kappel) and Robert, a daughter Samantha Louise, a sister for Jeremy

STORMER. – On November 7 at Farnborough, Kent, to Linda (nee Wearment) & Christopher, a son James David

STYLE On November 27th to Georgina (nee Kerr) and Rodney twin boys, George and Hugo.

WALKER – on November 28th at St George's Hospital, Tooting, to Ann (nee Pallent) and Chris – a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, sister for Cathrine.

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DEATHS

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CONSETT – Diana Joy, aged 31 (nee Wilkeson) on November 26, very peacefully after a short illness, bravely borne. Beloved wife of John and devoted mother of Charles, Lucinda and William. No flowers or letters please, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research. Funeral and interment at Leake Church on Monday, 2nd December at 2pm.

DAWSON. – On November 27th, 1985, peacefully, at home, Sybil Josephine, of the Lodge, Pasture Lane, Barleythorpe, Oakham, aged 90 years. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Weston Orley, Yorkshire, on Wednesday, December 4th, at 2pm followed by interment. All enquiries please to B Curtis, Funeral Directors, Tilton-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire. Tel. Tilton 233.

FAIRWEATHER. – On November 26th, Cedric Fairweather (Minou) at Château Rastignac, Dordogne, France.

GARROOD – On 26 November, 1985, Howard Arnold, the greatly loved husband of the late Constance, father of John Insley and Pauline, grandfather of 12, and dear brother of Aubrey and Dora. Thanksgiving service at West view Baptist Church, Letchworth, on Tuesday, 3 December at 1pm. Family flowers. Donations to Tear Fund, Teddington, Middlesex. "Redeemed with the precious blood of Christ" 1 Pet. 1. V. 18. 19

HARDWICK – on November 26th peacefully in hospital, Herbert Lionel Hardwick of Putney, dearly loved husband of Nancy and beloved father of Tony, Gareth, Linda and Nicholas. Funeral service at St Margaret's Church, Putney Park Lane on Wednesday, December 4th at 2pm followed by interment at Putney Vale. Flowers to Mathias, 2/3 Upper Richmond Road by noon please.

HART. – On November 19th, suddenly, in Devon, Joane Christian, aged 76 years. Private interment of ashes at Daglingworth, Gloucestershire. Donations, if desired, to Helen House Childrens Hospice, 37 Leopold Road, Oxford.

MARRIOTT, RICHARD d'ARCY C.B.E., D.F.C.. On Thursday, 27th November 1985, much loved and very loving husband of Dawn and father of Matty and Julie.

NASH on November 26th in hospital, Edith Jessie of Winchelsea, Mother of Mrs Betty Brown and the late Pamela Nash. Funeral service St Mary's Church, Rye, Tuesday December 3rd, 2 15pm.

NEWTON NORA. – On Sunday, 24th November, in the Coronary Care Unit, St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Surrey, darling wife for 50 years, of Geoffrey, mother of John and Rachel, grandmother of Debbie, Rebecca, Shirley and the late Simon and Amanda and Camilla. Cremation St John's Crematorium, Woking, Monday, 2nd December, 11am, after the manner of the religious Society of Friends. No flowers, donations, if desired, to Cardio-Vascular Diseases Research Fund, c/o Dr Joy, St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Surrey. Inquiries to Cyril H Lovegrove Tel: Woking 73456

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DEATHS

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STARFORTH. – On November 26th, in her 89th year, Astraea, widow of Dr W. P. Starforth, dearly loved by all who knew her. Funeral at St Botolph's Church, Chevening, at 11am on Tuesday, December 3rd.

SZABO GISELLA, eloved wife of Laszlo & mother of Peter. Peacefully on 22nd November after a long illness. Deeply mourned here & by relatives abroad.

VESTER. – On November 26th, Horatio Frederick, born August 25th, 1906, peacefully in his sleep, at his home in Jerusalem, aged 79.

WILLIAMS, on November 27 suddenly in St Margarets Hospital Epping, Watkin Wynn Williams, CBE. Dear cousin of the Warren family, in his 80th year. Funeral at St John's Church, Epping, on Wednesday December 4 at 1.30pm Family flowers only, please. But donations if desired, to St John's Ambulance.

WOOD – Derek Rosser, tragically on November 20th 1985. Much loved husband, father and friend. Funeral service takes place at Littlebourne Church on Wednesday, December 4th at 11.15am, followed by a private cremation. Memorial service on Friday, December 6th at 12 noon. All enquiries to C. W. Lyons & Son Ltd. Canterbury 463508. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu to the RAF Benevolent Fund.

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SANDERS

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HICKS BEACH – A service of thanksgiving for the life of Kathleen Hicks Beach will be held at The Royal Hospital, Chelsea on Thursday, 5 December at 2.30pm. No flowers. Enquiries to J. H. Kenyon, 01-938 3728

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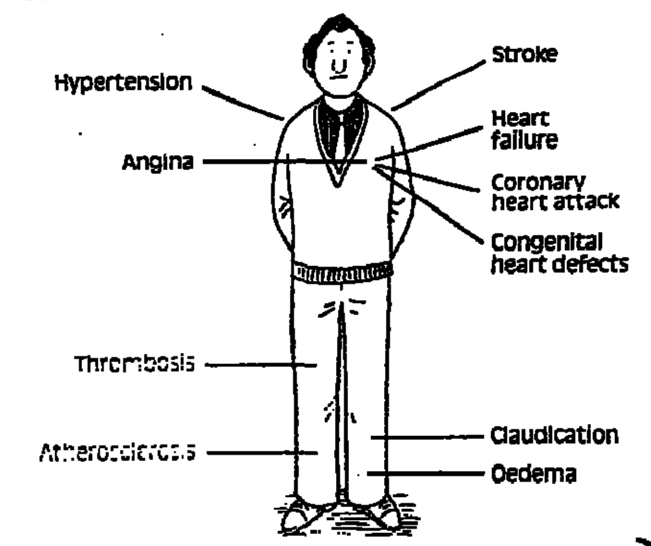

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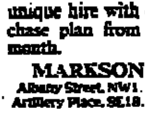

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 588 of The Companies Act 1985 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the Ladbroke Dragonara Hotel, Neville Street, Leeds LS1 4BX on Wednesday the 11th December 1985 at 10.30am for the purposes of Section 589 and 590 of the Companies Act 1985.

By Order of the Board
A. C. RATTENBURY, Secretary
Dated this 21st day of November 1985

PARK LANE SIGHTSEEING COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named company, which is being wound-up voluntarily, are required on or before the 20th day of December 1985, to send their names, addresses and particulars of their claims to the undersigned N. J. Hamilton-Smith, of Latham, Crossley & Davis, Stanhope House, 110 Drury Lane, London WC2B 5ST, the Liquidator of the company, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 20th day of November 1985.
N. J. HAMILTON-SMITH, Liquidator.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
AND
IN THE MATTER OF W WESTWOOD AND SONS LIMITED
REGISTERED OFFICE: Albion Court, 5 Albion Place, Leeds, LS1 6JP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 588 of the Companies Act 1985 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Robson Rhodes, St George House, Great George Street, Leeds, LS1 3DQ on Tuesday the 10th of December 1985 at 11.00am for the purposes of Section 589 and 590 of the Companies Act 1985.

By Order of the Board
W GOMERSALL Director
Dated this 21st day of November 1985.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named company, which is being wound-up voluntarily, are required on or before the 20th day of December 1985, to send their names, addresses and particulars of their claims to the undersigned N J Hamilton-Smith of Latham, Crossley & Davis, Stanhope House, 110 Drury Lane, London WC2B 5ST, the Liquidator of the company, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 20th day of November 1985
N J HAMILTON–SMITH Liquidator

NAYSHIRE LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 588 of the COMPANIES ACT, 1985 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace (2nd floor) London W2 6LF on Monday the 9th day of December, 1985 at 12.00 o'clock midday, for the purposes provided for in Sections 589 and 590.

Dated this 21st day of November 1985
R. DUNCAN, Director

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
in the matter of
GRADA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order of the High Court of Justice made the 11th day of September 1985 I, Ian Peter Phillips of P.O. Box 65, 1, Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT have been appointed Liquidator of the above named Company.

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6.00 **Ceefax AM.** News headlines, weather, traffic and sports bulletins.

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9.20 **Ceefax 10.30 Play School,** presented by Stuart Bradley and Jane Hardy (r). 10.50 **Ceefax.**

12.30 **News After Noon** with Richard Whitmore and Moira Stuart includes news headlines with subtitles. 12.55 Regional news and weather.

1.00 **Pebble Mill at One.** Magnus Magnusson and Paul Coia join travel expert Jill Crawshaw at the world's biggest travel exhibition, the World Travel Market. There they are transported by video to exotic locations in far flung parts of the globe. 1.45 **Trumpton.** A See-Saw programme for the very young, narrated by Brian Cant (r).

2.00 **Championship Snooker.** David Vine introduces coverage of semifinal action in the Coral United Kingdom Championship, from the Guild Hall, Preston (continued on BBC2). 3.52 Regional news.

3.55 **Paddington Hits Out,** narrated by Michael Hordern (r). 4.03 **Count Me In.** Antony John trains for football. 4.15 **Yogi Bear.** Cartoon (r). 4.20 **Spy Trap.** Teams from Newcastle and Tonbridge try to discover the identity of a traitor. 4.35 **The Family-Ness** (r).

4.40 **Record Breakers** presented by Roy Castle. Fiona Kennedy tries to find her way out of the world's largest maze; and five marines attempt to change the engine of a Ford Escort in under a minute.

5.05 **Grange Hill.** Episode 12 and rehearsals for the school's musical, Brighton Rock, gather momentum (r) (Ceefax).

5.35 **Masterteam.** Angela Rippon presents another round of the general knowledge quiz for teams.

6.00 **News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.55 **London Plus.**

7.00 **Wogan.** Tonight's guests include Patricia Hayes; Jess Cohen, the 11-year-old star of the new Steven Spielberg film, Sarah Brown, and Frances Ruffele who sings a number from the musical, Les Miserables.

7.40 **Blankety Blank.** Les Dawson's guests are Johnny Ball, Simon Bates, Samantha Fox, Marian Montgomery, Mike Newman and Anna Raeburn (Ceefax).

8.15 **Dynasty.** Has Fallon really come back from the dead? If not, who is the woman who turns up at a Los Angeles police station? Meanwhile, the arrangements and the arguments concerning the wedding of the year gather pace despite fears from the security experts (Ceefax).

9.00 **News** with John Humphrys and Andrew Harvey. Weather.

9.25 **Bergerac.** The Jersey detective is given the job of protecting a spoilt young tennis star whose life seems to be in danger. Starring John Nettles, Reece Dinsdale and Jonathan Stratt (Ceefax).

10.20 **Championship Snooker.** The final frames of the semi-finals of the Coral United Kingdom Championship, introduced by David Vine from the Guild Hall, Preston.

12.30 **Weather.**

TV-am

6.15 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Henry Kelly and Anne Diamond. News with Bob Warman at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.20; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; Nigel Dempster's gossip column at 8.17; Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.34; books for Christmas review at 9.04; Lizzie Webb interviews Barbara Daly at 9.12

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9.25 **Thames news headlines**

9.30 **For Schools:** preview 9.35 Children talk about the death of their pets 9.47 The rush to enlist in 1939 10.09 Junior maths: revision 10.26 The trend of work in the future 10.48 Television in the Netherlands 11.15 A large city department store during the Christmas rush 11.27 Food to prepare and games to play 11.44 A seaside holiday

2.00 **Heggerty Haggerty.** George Cole with another story about the friendly witch (r) 12.10 **Rainbow.** Learning with puppets and guest, Pat Coombs (Oracle) 12.30 **Eye to the Future.** Ted Moult and Rachael Heyhoe Flint visit a Bristol community centre.

1.00 **News at One** with Carol Barnes 1.20 **Thames news.**

1.30 **Film: A Yank in Ermine** (1955) starring Peter Thompson. *Comedy about* a United States airman, based in Britain, who suddenly discovers that he is *entitled to sit in the House of* Lords. Directed by Gordon Parry.

3.00 ***The Adventurer*** goes to the assistance of a scientist who is trying to escape from Central European country (r) 3.25 **Thames news headlines** 3.30 **Sons and Daughters**

4.00 **Rainbow.** A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10 4.15 **Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends** (r) 4.25 **Worldwise.** Computer geography quiz presented by David Jensen (Oracle) 4.50 **Your Mother Wouldn't Like It.** Comedy series

5.15 **Blockbusters.**

5.45 **News** with Anne Leuchars

6.00 **The 6 O'Clock Show.**

7.00 **Albion Market.** Frank's *despair drives him to the brink* while Eileen takes a break in order to save her marriage (Oracle)

7.30 **Me and My Girl.** Comedy series about a widower and his teenage daughter.

8.00 **T J Hooker.** A straight forward-looking arrest leads Hooker and his partner, Detective Starr, into the world *of organised crime*

9.00 **P D James: The Black Tower.** Episode four of the mystery and after the fire in the Black Tower, Dalgliesh, searching for clues, makes a startling discovery (Oracle)

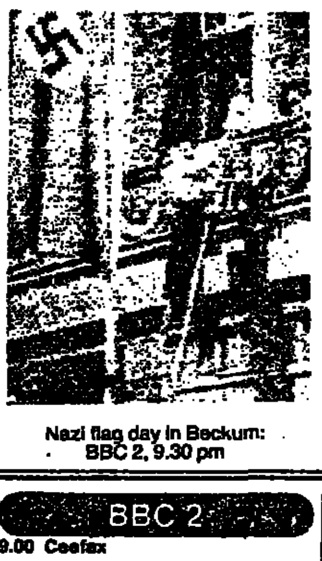
10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Martyn Lewis. Weather, followed by London news headlines

10.30 **The London Programme: Can Kenneth Baker Rise to the Rescue of the Inner City?** John Taylor interviews the Secretary of State for the Environment about whether or not he can stem the tide of decay in the inner city

11.00 **No Problem.** Comedy series about a family of young Jamaicans living in a Willesden house. (r)

11.30 **Film: The Probability Factor** (1976) starring Jean-Louis Trintignant and Mirielle Darc. A computer expert with an insurance company discovers the perfect way to get rid of his nagging, unloving wife, and fall into the arms of his highly amorous mistress. Directed by Gerard Pires

1.05 ***Night Thoughts***



Nazi flag day in Beckum: BBC 2, 9.30 pm

CHOICE

● Calculate the area of a swastika. Thus the instruction to schoolchildren learning maths in the small town of Beckum, north Germany, in the late 1930s. Idiotic in retrospect, of course, but symptomatic of the all-pervasiveness of the Nazi ethic that is captured in Lydia Howard's **THE HOME MOVIE FRONT** (BBC2, 9.30pm). This is the companion piece to last Friday's film about life in the Bedfordshire village of Aspley Guise during the second world war and, like that film, is a fascinating blend of home-movies of the period and up-to-date reminiscences by some of the featured "actors". School exercise books in pre-war Beckum lauded the Nordic man, blond master of the world. When boys boxed each other, the object of the fisticuffs was not to have fun but to get the lads ready to defend the Fatherland. Carnival day might have had its lightly mocking side when mothers paraded their babies behind banners that urged "Every woman, every year, a child for the Führer", but there was also non-festive harbingers: floats that showed Jews behind bars. The enthusiasm that Beckum man 1940 displays as goose-stepping SS sweep through the town looks genuine enough, in all conscience. But we must not be deceived by appearances, says Beckum man 1985. It was all orchestrated by party members. If true, then we come to the realization that the value of programmes such as *The Home Movie Front* lies in the fact that we are forced, once again, to question the truth of the adage that the camera never lies.

● **ADULTERY** was all-fiction last week, but tonight (Channel 4, 10.30pm) it is all-fact: a collection of opinions from people well versed in the subject thanks to experiences not their own. It was an inspired idea to include the farceur, Brian Rix, who made a good living out of other people's bedroom dalliance.

● Radio choice: The 1985 Salzburg Festival production of Verdi's **MACBETH** (Radio 3, 7.30pm), with Cappucilli in the title role and Ghena Dimitrova as Lady Macbeth. Under Chailly's baton. Also on Radio 3 (11.00pm), the first of 10 programmes comprising a tribute to the late, great, Russian pianist Emil Gilels. Tonight, seven Scarlatti sonatas and some Debussy, inciding the suite *Pour le piano.*

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax**

9.35 **Daytime on Two:** Italian conversation course 9.52 Part *nine of the ghost story for* children, Dark Towers 10.15 *Maths: column graphs* 10.38 The expansion of London during the 18th century 11.00 Night workers of *Scotland* 11.22 Man's efforts to protect the coastline of Dorset and Hampshire 11.44 How other people see us 12.05 Part nine of the introduction to computers course 12.35 The principles behind the use of microcomputers in monitoring and controlling the physical world (ends at 1.00).

1.10 Revamping the traditional uses of microbes 1.33 The second of a two-part examination of what life is like for black South Africans 2.00 Two teenagers explain how they have been able to contain their tempers 2.30 A dramatization of the life of Bernard Shaw 3.00 Ceefax.

3.50 **Championship Snooker** continued from BBC 1.

4.45 **Monkey.** The final episode of the adventure serial (r)

5.25 **News Summary** with subtitles. Weather

5.30 **Film: Tarzan and the Jungle Boy** (1967) starring Mike Henry. The jungle hero is persuaded by a photographer to help her find a boy lost in the jungle six years before. Directed by Robert Gordon

7.00 **Micro Live.** This week's edition includes visits to the Computer Museum in Boston and to another Boston establishment housing a computer games company.

7.30 **Ebony.** The African National Congress examines the history of resistance in South Africa.

8.00 **Zoo 2000.** Part five of Jeremy Cherfas's series examines how zoos have changed from being consumers to producers of animals (r)

8.30 **Going to Pot** presented by Susan Hampshire and Geoff Hamilton. New and old foliage plants plus herbs and strawberries on the windowsill

9.00 **Entertainment USA.** Jonathan King is in Detroit.

9.30 **The Home Movie Front.** Amateur film taken in Beckum, a small German town, before and during the Second World War (See Choice)

10.20 **Did You See ...?** Esther Rantzen compares Points of View with Right to Reply; Paul Boateng reviews Black Silk; and Robert McCrum comments on Dutch Girls

11.00 **Newsnight** includes a discussion on the future of the British film industry between Sir Richard Attenborough, David Puttnam, Margaret Matheson and Joan Bakewell.

11.45 **Weather**

11.50 **Film: Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris** (1975) A song, dance and comedy revue based on the works of Jacques Brel. Directed by Denis Heroux. Ends at 1.30

CHANNEL 4

2.30 **Counting On.** Fred Harris explains the 24 hour clock system (r).

3.00 **Friday Concert.** This week's performances were recorded at the Carnegie Hall, New York. Isaac Stern (violin), Pinchas Zukerman (viola), and Leonard Rose (cello) discuss and play music by Schubert (Trio No 1 in B major D471); Beethoven (Trio in C minor Op. 9 No. 3); and Mozart (Trio in E major KV563).

4.00 **How We Learned to Ski.** The final programme of the series and the advanced class assess their own progress. (r).

4.30 **Countdown.** Yesterday's *winner is challenged by John* Hawker, a retired civil servant from Sheffield.

5.00 ***I Dream of Jeannie.*** Tony is persuaded to give Jeannie driving lessons.

5.30 **The Tube** presented by Jools Holland and Muriel Gray. Among the bands performing live are The Cult, Cameo, and the Untouchables.

7.00 **Channel Four news** with Alastair Stewart. Weather.

7.30 **Right To Reply** presented by Gus Macdonald. The question 'how far can you go before you offend viewers' taste' is discussed by the IBA's David Glencross, Milton Shulman and Anthony Smith

8.00 **What the Papers Say.** Anthony Howard of The Observer comments on how the Press has been treating the week's news.

8.15 **A Week in Politics** reports on what the realignment of the left means for Militant; and David Owen on electoral reform.

9.00 **Brothers.** The first of an American comedy series, set in Philadelphia, about three brothers who are very close but of different temperaments. In this opening episode the youngest brother, Clifford, shocks his brothers by announcing that he is a homosexual.

9.30 **Inverewe – A Garden Within.** The story of Osgood MacKenzie, the creator of one of the world's leading gardens.

10.00 **Agony.** Comedy series starring Maureenn Lipman as a magazine's 'agony aunt' who cannot sort out her own life (Oracle) (r).

10.30 **Adultery.** In this second of the up series of four a number of public figures, including Mary Whitehouse, Nicholas Fairbairn, Anna Raeburn, Brian Rix, and the former Streatham 'madam', Cynthia Payne, give their opinion on society's attitude to adultery (Oracle). (See Choice)

11.15 **Film: Orchestra Rehearsal** (1978) From the Robinson's Choice season, an Italian-made film using an orchestra's rehearsal as a metaphor for society. Directed by Federico Fellini.

12.40 **The Green Tie on the Little Yellow Dog.** The second of three programmes tracing the history of the dramatic monologue (r). Ends at 1.05.

Radio 4

On long wave. (also VHF stereo.

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing: Weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer.
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.50 Your Letters. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records.† (r)
9.45 Feedback. Colin Semper with listeners' comments on the BBC.
10.00 News; International Assignment. Reports from BBC correspondents.
10.30 Morning Story: The Yellow Rasps by Barbara Bell. Reader: David Ashford.
10.45 Daily Service: (New Every Morning, page 62).†
11.00 News; Travel; Remembering. Robin Glendenning on the ways in which people in Ireland choose to remember their dead. (r)
11.43 Natural Selection. Steve Simpson on the natural history of the locust.
12.00 News; The Food Programme. Director of the Health Education Council, Dr David Player and Derek Cooper discuss diet and health.
12.27 Aspects of the Fringe. Highlights of the 1985 Edinburgh Festival Fringe.† (r) 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News: Woman's Hour. Includes an interview with puppet master John Blundall. And Margaret Tyzack reads part 4 of Breath of Life by Ann Armstrong.
3.00 News: The White Peacock by D H Lawrence, dramatised in six parts (3).† (r)
4.00 News.
4.05 News Huddlines. Roy Hudd with Alison Steadman, Chris Emmett and The Huddliners.† *(r)*
4.30 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine, with Christopher Cook. Includes comment on Beauty and the Beast, in Liverpool; the Festival of Japanese Culture; and Ansel Adams; An Autobiography. First broadcast last night.
5.00 PM: News magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 News; Financial Report.
6.30 Going Places (Clive Jacobs). The world of travel and transport. Tom Boswell tests the VW Golf Turbo diesel.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Pick of the Week. Margaret Howard with another selection of TV and radio extracts.†
8.20 Law in Action. With Joshua Rozenburg (final edition).
8.45 Any Questions? Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, Brenda Dean, Dr Dickson Mabon and Edwina Currie join John Timpson in Shavington, Cheshire.
9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine, presented by Sheridan Morley. Includes comment on Santa Claus; the Movie; the Human Story exhibition at the commonwealth Institute.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Palace of Green Days by Fred Urquhart (5). Reader: Gwyneth Guthrie. 10.29 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight.
11.00 Today in Parliament.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Week Ending. Satirical review of the week's news. With Bill Wallis, David Tate, Sally Grace, Jon Glover.†
12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00 am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Singing Together. 11.20 Introducing Geography. 11.40 The Music Box.† 11.50 See For Yourself. 1.55-3.00 pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.05 Let's Join In. 2.25 Listen and Read. 2.40 Listen! 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 12.30-1.10 am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Twentieth-century Witness – Women's Changing Role.

Radio 3

6.55, Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Beethoven's King Stephen overture (Berlin PO); Gerhard's Dances from Don Quixote (BBC SO); Chopin's Nocturne in F sharp Op 15 No 2 (Pollini, piano); Szmanowski's Violin Concerto No 1 (Kulka, with Polish Radio SO).†8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Mozart's Piano Concerto No 15 (English CO with Perahia, soloist); Brahms's Das Madchen spricht, Op 107 No 3 (Berger, soprano and Rauchelsan, piano); Dohnanyi's Ruralia Hungarica, Op 32b (Budapest SO).†9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composers: The Early Tudors. Choir of New College, Oxford, perform Tallis's Dum transisset sabbatum; Audivi vocem de caelo; Gaude gloriosa Dei mater.†
9.40 Vorisek and Tomasek: Rosemarie Wright (piano) plays Vorisek's Six Variations Op 19; Impromptus Op 7 Nos 1 and 3; Tomasek's Rapsodia, Op 41 No 1; Three Eclogues, Op 35 Nos 5 and 4; Op 47 No 4.†
10.25 Langham Chamber Orchestra (under Braithwaite). Bartok's Seven Romanian folk dances; Ives's The Unanswered Question; Copland's Appalachian Spring.†
11.10 Schumann: Rudd van der Meer (baritone), Rudolf Jansen (piano). Liederkreis, Op 39; Five Songs, Op 77.†
11.50 BBC Welsh SO (under Bergel). With Jean Bernard Pommier (piano). Part one. Bach's Suite No 3 in D, BWV 1068; Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 5.†1.00 News.
1.05 Concert: part two. Rimsky-Korsakov's symphonic suite Scheherazade.†
2.00 Oboe and Piano: Douglas Boyd (oboe) and Iain Burnside. Britten's Temporal Variations; Lutoslawski's Epitaph; Kalliwoda's Morceau de salon.†
2.30 Hindemith: The Composer conducts and plays. A Requiem for Those We Love: When lilacs last in the dooryard bloom'd (New York PO, Schola Cantorum of New York, Louise Parker, contralto; George London, bass).†
3.30 Berlin Philharmonic Duo: Baumann (cello), Stoll (double-bass). Zumsteeg's Sonata in B flat; David Collins's Three Fantasies; Goltermann's Fantasy on Bellini themes.†
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Paisley Abbey, with John Langson (organ).†4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music, presented by David Hoult.
6.30 Music for Guitar: Manuel Barrueco plays Takemitsu's Folios; and Bach's Partita No 2 in D minor, BWV 1044, arranged by Barrueco.†
7.00 Bach on Record: La Petite Bande play the Suite No 1 in C, BWV 1066.†
7.30 Macbeth: Verdi's four-act opera, sung in Italian. Chailly conducts Vienna Philharmonic, Sofia National Opera Chorus, Vienna State Opera Chorus. With Cappucilli, Ghena Dimitrova, Ghiaurov, Lucchetti, Ichihara. Act one. Acts two and three at 8.25, and Act four at 9.30. Interval readings in between.
10.15 New Premises: Stephen Games's arts review (r).
11.00 Emil Gilels: tribute to the late Russian pianist. Scarlatti's Seven Sonatas in D minor, F, D minor, F minor, A, B minor and G (Kk 141, 518, 32, 466, 533, 27 and 125); also Debussy's suite Pour le Piano; and Reflets dans l'eau.†
11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.

Radio 2

4.00 Colin Berry†. 6.00 Ray Moore†. 8.05 Ken Bruce†. 10.30 Derek Jameson. Legal questions answered by Andrew Phillips.†. 1.05 David Jacobs†. 2.00 Gloria Hunniford†. 3.30 Music All the Way†. 4.00 David Hamilton†. 6.00 John Dunn†. 8.00 Friday Night Is Music Night†. 9.15 The Organist Entertains with Nigel Ogden. 10.00 A Proper Charlie. Comedy series starring Jack Smethurst. 10.30 Iain Sutherland with his guest Paul Hudson. 11.00 Late Night Friday with John Hosken and hi team. (Stereo from midnight.) 1.00am Peter Dickson presents Nightride†. 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music†.

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight 6.00 Adrian John. 7.30 Mike Read. 9.30 Andy Peebles. 12.30 Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) 12.45 Gary Davies. 3.00 Paul Jordan. 5.30 Newsbeat (Frank Partridge). 5.45 Bruno Brookes. 7.00 Ice On Fire. Elton John with Andy Peebles. 8.00 Andy Peebles. 10.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show (Tommy Vance). Featuring Roger Waters†. VHF RADIO 1 and 2 4.00am As Radio 2. 10.00pm As Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 The Best of Folk. 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Sacred Choir. 8.30 Music Now. 9.00 News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 John Arlott's Poetry Book. 10.00 News. 10.01 Sing Gospel. 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 10.30 Business Matters. 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 In the Meantime. 11.25 Letter from Northern Ireland. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Jazz For The Asking. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours. 1.30 John Peel. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Letterbox. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 London Belongs to Me. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Science In Action 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 News. 5.09 A Letter From Northern Ireland. 5.15 Sarah and Company. 8.00 News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.15 Music Now. 8.45 The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole. 10.00 News. 10.09 World Today. 10.25 Letter from Northern Ireland. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 From The Weeklies. 11.30 Beethoven and the Violin. 12.00 News. 12.09 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 About Britain. 12.45 Recording Of Week. 1.00 News. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Sing Gospel. 1.45 Letterbox. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 People and Politics. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 World Today. 3.30 Just a Minute. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 That's Trad. 5.45 World Today.

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† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat

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BBC1 Wales 9.20-9.45 Masterteam. 9.45-10.30 Ceefax. 5.35-6.00 pm Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Sportfolio. 12.30am-12.35 News and weather. **Scotland** 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 9.25-10.40 The St Andrew's Day Debate. (That Scotland's teachers have betrayed the trust of both pupils and parents). 10.40-11.35 Bergerac. 11.35-12.30 am Championship Snooker (Coral UK Championship). 12.30-12.35 Weather. **Northern Ireland** 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Masterteam. 12.30 am-12.35 News and weather. **England, North-East only:** 12.10-12.30pm A Foot or Two Above the Rest. 5.35-6.00 pm Regional news magazines.

BORDER As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30 Shammy Dab. 2.00 Film: Ransom Money. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road. 10.30 Justified Sinner. 11.00 Curling. 12.00 News, closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.30 Film: Dangerous Davies, the Last Detective (Bernard Cribbins). 6.00-7.00 News. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30-9.00 Me and my Girl. 10.35 Film: Green Berets (John Wayne). 1.10am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20 News. 1.30 Freeze Frame. 2.00 Yellow Rose. 3.00-3.30 Movie Makers. 6.00-7.00 North Tonight. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30-9.00 Me and My Girl. 11.0 No Problem! 11.30 Curling. 12.00 News, Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

S4C Starts: 1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Family Ties. 2.00 Taro Nodyn. 2.20 Stori Sbri. 2.35 Am Gymru. 2.50 Interval. 3.05 Film: Journey Together* (Richard Attenborough). 4.50 Cadwgan. 5.00 Mica. 5.30 The Tube. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Pobol y Cwm. 8.00 Geraint Griffiths – Nol Ar y Stryd! 8.30 Fel 'Na Mae! 9.15 Snwcer. 9.45 Film: Meantime. 11.40 Week in Politics. 12.25 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Kill Me Tomorrow. 3.00-3.30 Scribble. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Problems. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30-9.00 Me and my Girl. 10.30 Your Say. 10.45 You're the Boss Review. 11.15 Jack the Ripper – the Final Solution. 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 9.30am-12.00 Schools. 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 In this Case. 11.00-12.00 Jack the Ripper. 12.00-12.30am Freeze Frame.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30 Film: Doctor in Love. 315-3.30 Cartoon. 6.00 Northern Life. 6.30-7.00 Zodiac Game. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30-9.00 Me and My Girl. 10.32 Extra Time. 11.0 Streets of San Francisco. 12.00 Christian Calendar, closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20 News. 1.30 Film: Dangerous Davies, the Last Detective. 3.25-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.15 Jazz Workshop. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 What's on Where. 7.30 Magnum. 8.30-9.00 Me and My Girl. 10.35 Sweeney. 11.35 Sheena Easton Live at the Palace. 12.05 am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Country Practice. 2.25 Champions, 3.25 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.55-4.00 Seumus. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Report. 7.20 Funny You Should Say That. 8.00 Off the Rack. 8.30-9.00 Me and my Girl. 10.30 Ways and Means. 11.00 Curling. 12.00 Late Call. 12.05am No Problem! 12.35 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30 Gems. 2.30 Hotel. 3.30-4.00 Glenroe. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30-7.00 Country Ways. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30-9.00 Me & My Girl. 10.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H. 11.30 Mannix. 12.15 am Company, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20 News. 1.30 Film: Flesh and Blood (Glynis Johns). 3.15-3.30 Cartoon. 6.00-7.00 About Anglia. 10.30 Cross Question. 11.10 Film: Yellow Dog (Robert Hardy). 1.05 I Didn't Want To Do It, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20 Calendar. 1.25 Help Yourself. 1.30 Film: The In-Laws (Peter Falk). 3.20 Home Cookery. 3.25-3.30 News. 6.00 Calendar. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30-9.00 Me & my Girl. 10.30 Film: Survival Run. 12.40 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20 Lunchtime. 1.30 Film: International Lady (George Brent). 3.20 Cartoon. 3.30-4.00 Sharks Rotary Club. 6.00 Good Evening, Ulster. 6.20 Sportscast. 6.45-700 Advice with Anne Hailes. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30-9.00 Me & My Girl. 10.30 Witness. 10.35 Hotel. 11.35 Star Parade. 12.30 News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20 News. 1.30 Yellow Rose. 2.25 Live on Friday. 3.25 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Granada Reports. 6.30-7.00 Cosby Show. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30-9.00 Me & My Girl. 10.30 Northern Echoes. 11.00 Film: Kremlin Letter (Patrick O'Neal). 1.10 No Problem! 1.40 Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30 Film: Dangerous Davies, the Last Detective (Bernard Cribbens). 3.25-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Today South West. 6.25 Action South West. 6.30-7.00 What's Ahead. 7.30 Magnum. 8.30-9.00 Me and My Girl. 10.35 Sweeney. 11.35 Season of Rock. 12.40 am Postscript, Closedown.

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CAMDEN PLAZA 485 2443 (opp Camden Town Tube) Elem Klimov's AGONY (PG) Film at 2.15. 5.10. 8.10.

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Gun battle after rocket attack on S Africa oil plant

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South African police said they killed three "suspected insurgents" in a shoot-out near the Swaziland border yesterday after a pre-dawn rocket attack on the strategic Sasol oil-from-coal plant at Secunda.

The Police Commissioner, General John Coetzee, said a number of 122mm rockets were fired at the installation, which is about 70 miles from Johannesburg. "It appears that between four and six explosions occured, although no damage was caused since the targets were not hit."

Later, according to General Coetzee, a member of a crack police tracker unit forced a lorry with three black occupants off the road near the town of Piet Retief. The blacks opened fire, and were killed in the ensuing battle, in which army units were also involved.

It was the first major attack on the Sasol plant, which is said to provide about 25 per cent of South Africa's liquid fuel requirements, since June, 1980, when limpet mines caused damage.

In a separate incident, four people were reported to have been killed and two injured in a township in the "independent" tribal homeland of Bophuthatswana in a gun battle between Bophuthatswana police and a "group of armed criminals".

The police said arms and ammunition were seized, and that no members of the police force were injured. It is not clear whether the "criminals" were guerrillas.

Meanwhile, the Army has closed a number of roads around Messina, close to South Africa's border with Zimbabwe, after landmines on white-owned farms injured eight people in the past three days. The roads are being swept for mines, of which three have been uncovered.

A military spokesman said one of the injured, a black tractor driver, had died in hospital. The Army has accused guerrillas of the outlawed African National Congress of planting the mines, and says they came into South Africa from Zimbabwe.

On Wednesday night Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, warned Zimbabwe that troops would have "no choice" but to conduct a cross-border raid in pursuit of the guerrillas if no action were taken by Harare to stop such infiltration.

In a statement issued from its headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia, the ANC refused to deny or confirm that it had planted the landmines – weapons it has not used before – but it did deny *that any of its guerrillas had* crossed into South Africa from Zimbabwe.

● **HARARE:** The Zimbabwe Government remained silent yesterday over Mr Botha's border-raid warning (Jan Raath writes).

Mr Thomas Nkobi, the ANC treasurer-general arrived in Harare but it was not clear what the purpose of his visit was.

MPs raise City alarm

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the staff of JMB and by customers of JMB."

Mr Tony Blair, Labour MP for Sedgefield, asked the Prime Minister about the delay and inaction in dealing with JMB, insider trading at British Telecom and the Lloyd's insurance scandal. He said: "To be effective, the rule of law which applies to inner cities must apply with equal vigour to the City of London."

Mrs Thatcher told him: "Matters of fraud are for the police, and of prosecution for *the DPP. The day politicians* could interfere with prosecutions the rule of law would cease to be upheld."

Mr Michael Howard, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Trade, said this week that next month's Financial Services Bill would contain further powers to deal with insider dealing and other related offences.

But that legislation is not expected to deal with the areas of fraud which have been alleged at Lloyd's and Mr Sedgemore gave notice in the Commons yesterday that he will be turning his attention to that *affair next week.*

Discovery goes home despite GLC gift

By Patricia Clough

Captain Scott's ship, Discovery, which has been a landmark of the Thames for 45 years, is to return to Dundee, where she was built in 1901.

And there was surprises and consternation at the Greater London Council, which contributed £100,000 towards a £500,000 refit on condition the polar expeditionary vessel stayed in London.

At a ceremony on the ship in St Katharine's Dock near Tower Bridge today representatives of the Maritime Trust and Dundee organizations will sign documents handing over the Discovery.

She is being loaned to the Scots city for the next 20 years and will be the centerepiece of a large-scale tourist development at Dundee's central waterfront.

For the past five years the ship, built for Captain Scott's first polar expedition, has been undergoing repairs by the Maritime Trust at St Katharine's Dock.

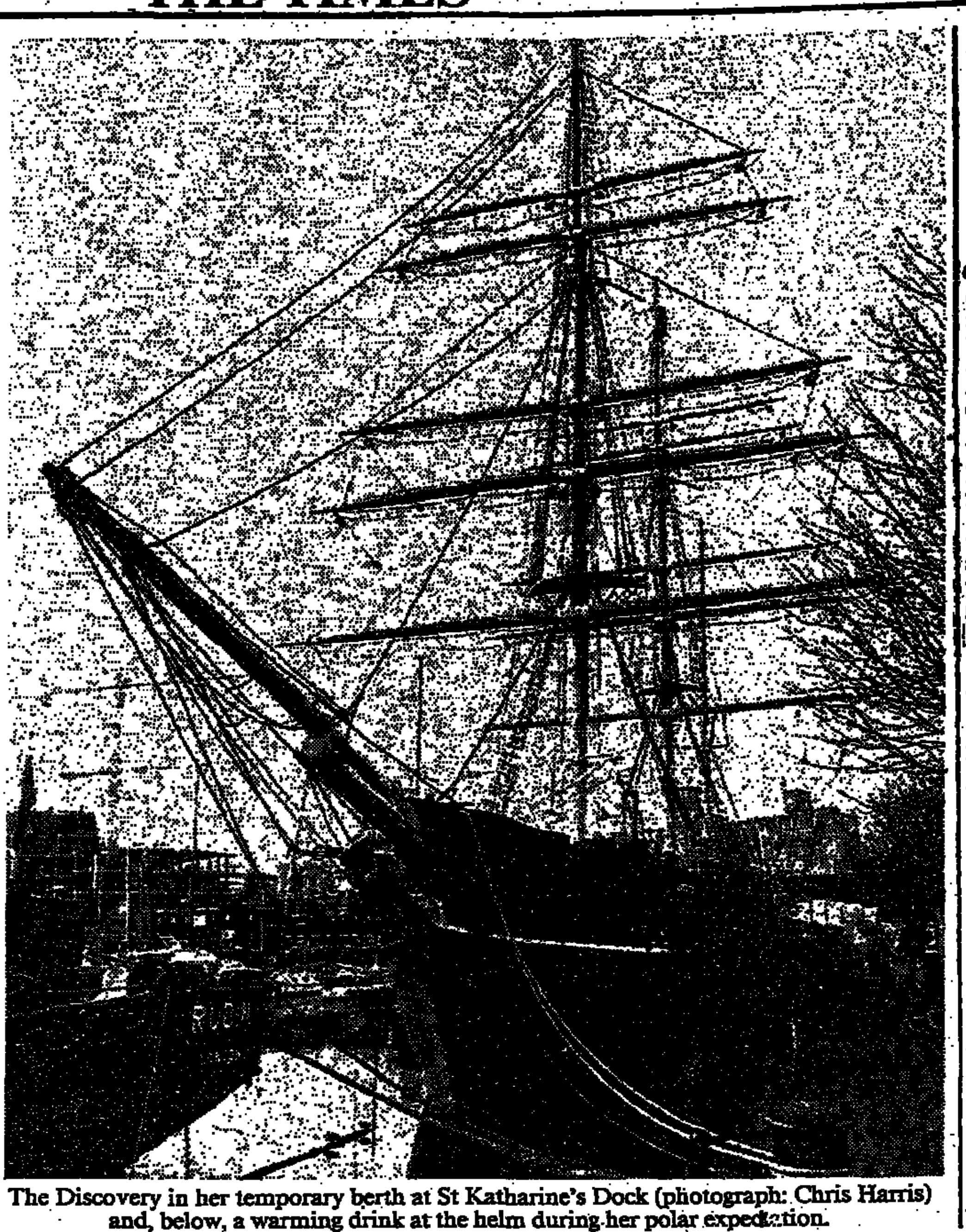
Mr Peter Pitt, chairman of the GLC Arts and Recreation Committee, said yesterday: "I only heard of this half an hour ago. We gave the money towards the cost on condition the ship stayed in London. I have ordered an investigation to find out what our officers have been saying to the Maritime Trust."

The GLC had heard that the Maritime Trust had been thinking of allowing the ship to go the Dundee, "but I told the bureaucrats I would not tolerate the moving of the Discovery unless, frankly, we got our money," Mr Pitt said.

It would be difficult to get the Discovery back now, but *unless the Maritime Trust* could justify its action "we will certainly be asking for our £100,000 back. And heads will roll."

An official of the Maritime Trust said the trust had written a long detailed letter to the GLC explaining why it felt the ship should be sent to Dundee and asking the council to waive the conditions of thhe donations.

The GLC had not replied but officials has assured the trust over the telephone that its solicitors would not oppose the *move.*



The Discovery in her temporary berth at St Katharine's Dock (photograph: Chris Harris) and, below, a warming drink at the helm during her polar expedition.

Thatcher anger over UN defeat

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Government will have to respond positively and attempt to negotiate a peaceful settlement acceptable to us, to the Argentinians and to the Islanders."

Much of the anger in Whitehall was directed at the French who ignored an appeal from Mrs Thatcher.

It was said that Mrs Thatcher was sad and disappointed that, as the European Council was preparing next week to discuss greater political co-operation, Britain had been denied support by its European allies.

It was said firmly that the votes of the EEC countries would not change the Prime Minister's approach at next week's summit although it was admitted that the atmosphere would have been better had it not happened.

Anglo-French relations, already uneasy after controversy over the tactics used in the competition for the sale of the new tactics used in thhe competition for the sale of the new battlefield communications system to the Americans, have clearly taken another jolt.

●**The voting:** France, Italy and Greece were among the 107 countries which voted in favour of the UN resolution (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes). Only Belize, Oman and the Solomon Islands joined Britain in voting against it while 41 countries abstained.

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Monro ousted in Tory coup

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

An angry dispute broke out among Conservative MPs last night after the chairman of the key Scottish back-bench committee was ousted at a meeting "packed" by English MPs.

Sir Hector Monro, MP for Dumfries, was said by his colleagues to have paid the price for leading the opposition to the proposed closure with the loss of 800 jobs of the Gartcosh rolling mill.

His place has been taken by Mr William Walker, MP for North Tayside. Opposition to Sir Hector was believed to have centred on Mr Michael Forsyth, the right-wing MP for Stirling and vocal supporter of the Government's decision to close Gartcosh.

Although Scottish MPs alone would normally vote for the back-bench committee officers, there is no rule to stop other MPs casting a vote.

It was alleged that nine English MPs were encouraged to attend the meeting and vote against Sir Hector. Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Birmingham Selly Oak, said that it was a "nasty coup".

The outrage spilled into last night's meeting of the 1922 Committee.

Mr Cranley Onslow, the chairman, ruled that the election result should stand but said that in future English MPs should not vote in regional committee elections.

Single-vote challenge on pit pay offer

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ted by the areas. He added: "This is what out members have said to us, rather than what the NEC or the leaders of the NUM have decided."

The board made no formal response last night, saying that it would wait for official notification from the min of its decision. But even some of the supporters of yesterday's decsion appeared privately sceptical last night, or whether the board would soften its unequivocal demand for a written pledge to back incentives as a precondition of the talks taking place.

The executive is not due to meet again for a fortnight, but its members are keeping next Thursday free, in case it needs to be reconvened more rapidly.

The narrowness of the vote was underlined by the fact that the representative of the normally moderate power group, comprising Midland craftsmen, was absent yesterday. If he were to take part in a *subsequent* vote, with no change among his other colleagues, the result could be a 10-10 tie, with Mr Scargill being unable to use the casting vote he forfeited in the rule changes.

The north Wales area is also thought to have taken the line *before* yesterday's executive meeting, that it might have in the end be necessary to sign the commitment.

Mr Scargill said the union had been advised that it would have a case under section 23 of the Employment Protection Consolidation Act, 1978, to bring actions against the Board on the grounds that the increases now being paid to Nottinghamshire and south Derbyshire miners were discriminatory when other employees doing identical work had not been paid the increase.

HOW THEY VOTED

For: **Yorkshire (3); Leicestershire (1); Midlands (1); Northumberland (1); N Derbyshire (1); Colliery Staffs (1) and Coke men (1).**

Against: **Scotland (2); Scottish craftsmen (1); S Wales (2); Kent (1); Durham (2); N Wales (1) and Lancashire (1).**

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh visits Royal Air Force Headley Court, Surrey to open the Defence Services Medical Rehabilitation Unit, 3.

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, visits the showground of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society, Llanelwedd, Powys to open the Society's residential block and attends the launch of the Farming and *Wildlife Trust*'s Welsh Appeal, 10.

The Princess of Wales visits St Barnabas Hospice, Columbia Drive, Worthing, 11; and later visits Ernest Kleinwort Court, the Disabled Housing Trust, Burgess Hill, 1.15.

Princess Margaret attends the Vacani School's Dancing Matinee at the Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, 2.25.

Last chance to see

Looking into Jewels – gemstone photographs; **Sunderland** Polytechnic's Backhouse Gallery, Ryhope Road, 9 to 5.30.

The Spanish War against Fascism in photographs, posters and books; Walker Art Gallery, William Brown St, **Liverpool**, 10 to 5.

Marcus Adams Photographer Royal – a selection of prints; National Museum of Photography, Film and Television, Princes' View, **Bradford**, 12 to 8.

Exhibitions in progress

New drawings by Tim Hadfield; **Southampton** Art Gallery, Civic Centre; Tues to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Jan 12).

Profit by Design: **Leicester** Polytechnic, Mill Lane; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 1 (ends Dec 11).

The Present – Now and Then: New Gallery, Abele Tree House, 9 Fore Street, **Budleigh Salterton**, Devon; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.50, (ends Jan 11).

Enamel decorated porcelian by Russell Coates: Paintings by Gerald Cains and David Kirk: St James's Gallery, 9 Margarets Buildings, **Bath**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30 (ends Dec 24).

Sketchbook on the Kwai – drawings by PoW Will Wilder, Wallingford Museum, Flint House, High Street, **Wallingford**, Oxon; Tues to Sat 2 to 5, closed Sun and *Mon* (ends Nov 30).

Music

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra with Bryden Thomson and Colin Carr (cello); Guildhall, **Plymouth**, 7.30.

Concert by the Wind Ensemble and Concert Band of the RSAMD, Concert Hall, **Glasgow** University, 7.30.

Concert of Welsh music by the University Ensemble: Concert Hall, **Cardiff** University, 7.30.

Concert by the Fine Arts Brass Ensemble; Priory School Hall, **Spalding**, Lincs, 8.

Concert of French Music by Les Six, performed by the Oxford Motet; Christ Church Cathedral, **Oxford**, 8.

Concert by Christ Church College Choral Society; **Canterbury** Cathedral, 7.30.

Talks, lectures

Mistakes people make with computers and some preventative measures using sound, seminar by Dr Andrew Monk, Psychology Seminar Room, 2.15; Epic journeys of exploration – Operation Raliegh 1984-88, an international worldwide expedition, by Roger Chapman, Vaughan College, 7.30; Leicester University.

The Star of Bethlehem: an astronomer's view, by David Hughes; Pump Room, **Bath**, 7.30.

Making innovation pay, by William Kingston; Kent University, **Canterbury**, 6.

Active Arts: A slide-dissolve show, by Bob Beighton; Countesthorpe College Art Centre, Leic, 7.30.

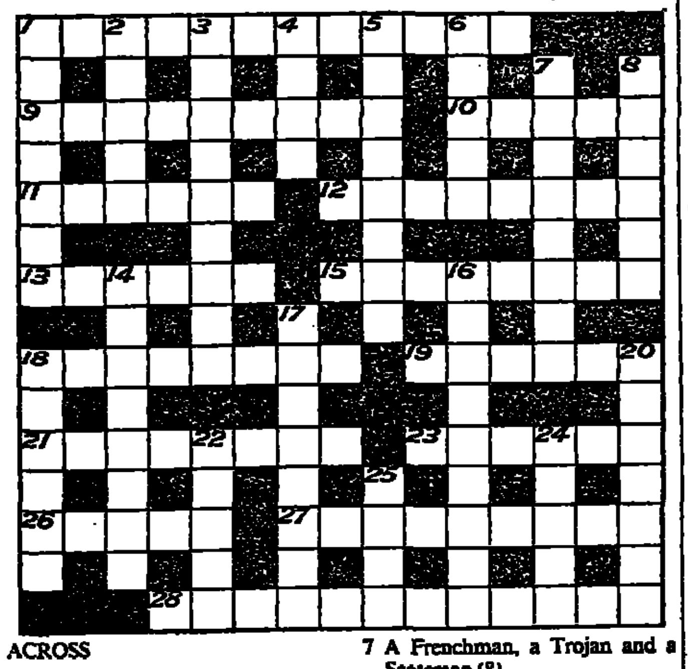
General

Arts and craft fair; Merchant Adventurers Hall, **York**, 10 to 5.

Crafts for Christmas with demonstrations of craft work; **Wadebridge** Town Hall, today 10 to 6, tomorrow 9.30 to 5.30.

Book fair, Royal George Hotel, **Knutsford**, Cheshire, today 2 to 8, tomorrow 10 to 5.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,907



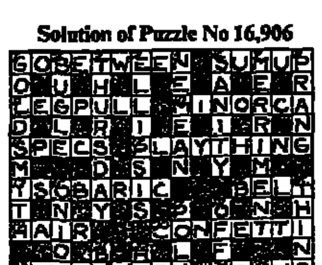
ACROSS

1 Shut up if your shoe's too big — (3,1,4,2,2).
9 Herd boats indiscriminately into waterways (3,6).
10 Mum has a stunning hat (5).
11 In Australian hut, the first to take a seat (6).
12 Soft-soap somewhat soothing? (8).
13 Give up and subscribe again (6).
15 For decoration, girl accepts diamonds mostly (8).
18 A numeric, if devious, treatment of digits (8).
19 On the stage, that is, the camera is turning (6).
21 In the business area of Newry, perhaps (8).
23 Soil, loess, mud – geophysics covers that (6).
26 Pop with him, or Pop's brother (5).
27 Top drawer type, like Jowett of Balliol (3,6).
28 It stirs; heartless opponents also stir (7,5).

DOWN

1 Baseball player in jug (7).
2 Unit of the marines (5).
3 Wild tiger-cats of use in war (9).
4 The man to get sore (4).
5 In salt water or fresh (8).
6 Brand name of his product (5).
7 A Frenchman, a Trojan and a Scotsman (8).
8 Reynolds appearing before Judges (6).
14 Open here or in Scandinavia (8).
16 Bring about one scamp's downfall (9).
17 Choose to be a prolific artist (4,4).
18 Psychic means of communication (6).
20 Insignia for Ronald, after he appears in a biography (7).
22 Belgian port can do without an idiot (5).
24 In short, do the same thing again (5).
25 Someone worshipped in vain, they say (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,906



Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow

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Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Debate on private Member's motion on child abuse.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.09
Austria Sch	27.20	25.80
Belgium Fr	78.55	74.75
Canada $	2.10	2.01
Denmark Kr	14.04	13.34
Finland Mkk	8.35	7.95
France Fr	11.75	11.21
Germany DM	3.86	3.68
Greece Dr	285.00	255.00
Hong Kong $	11.75	11.25
Ireland Pt	1.256	1.195
Italy Lira	2615.00	2485.00
Japan Yen	313.00	295.00
Netherlands Gld	4.335	4.135
Norway Kr	11.68	11.13
Portugal Esc	245.50	232.50
South Africa Rd	4.10	3.85
Spain Pta	239.00	227.00
Sweden Kr	11.73	11.18
Switzerland Fr	3.19	3.03
USA $	1.535	1.485
Yugoslavia Dnr	840.00	590.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 377.1.

London: The *FT* Index closed down 5.9 at 1133.0.

Food prices

The British eat surprisingly little fish, perhaps because in the past it has been seen as a cheap alternative to meat or even as a penance. However, there are signs of a change in attitudes as people travel abroad more frequently and become more adventurous in their eating habits. Familiar fish like cod and haddock are being joined by a wide variety of others such as mullet, turbot, skate and whiting. Herrings are making a comeback and are both delicious and exceptionally high in vitamins. For those who want to know more, a booklet, *Talking About Fish*, is available free from the Sea Fish Industry Authority, 144 Cromwell Rd, London SW7 4EF.

Fish supplies are particularly good in London and the South-east this week, large cod down 3p to £1.60, codling £1.40, haddock £1.64, whiting £1.21 and plaice down 6p to £1.81 a lb.

Avocados are possibly the most popular of all so called exotic fruits imported into Britain. Sales have increased by 141 per cent since 1978. Besides being very tasty, they too are full of vitamins, protein and *minerals*, and at 30-50p each they are excellent value. Pineapples at 50-90p each, possibly cheaper in markets, are another good buy. Apples, pears and citrus fruit come into their own at this time of year. English Cox's apples are 30-52 a lb, Russets 25-40p, French Golden Delicious 20-32; Comice pears are best at 30-40p a lb; grapefruit 15-35p each, according to size; oranges 5-15p and new crop Navels and Navelinas 7-24p each; satsumas 20-35p a lb.

Vegetable supplies have not been seriously affected by the cold weather. Brussels sprouts are very good at 30-40p a lb, and leeks are delicious in soups or with a roast 25-45p a lb. Excellent root vegetables include carrots 8-14p a lb, parsnips 16-25p, swedes 8-15p and turnips 16-25p.

Some best meat buys this week are: **Sainsbury** New Zealand lamb shoulder down to 58p a lb and beef rib roast £1.64; **Tesco** oven ready frozen turkeys 59p a lb and fresh chicken quarters 79p a lb; **Bejam** pork boneless shoulder roast and half leg knuckles 99p a lb; **Asda** pork chops 99p a lb and pork steak £1.09; **Fine Fare** pot roast and braising steak £1.58p a lb. **Dewhurst** and **Baxters'** special offer of whole New Zealand lambs for the freezer at 69p a lb and prepacked sides from £10.99 each comes to an end this week.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play
Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim
Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

● Some Times Portfolio cards include minor misprints in the instructions on the reverse side. These cards are not invalidated.

● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

Roads

The Midlands: A5: Single line traffic between Shelton and Bicton, W of Shrewsbury; delays expected. M5: Contraflow on southbound carriageway between junctions 2 (Oldbury) and 3 (Quinton) southbound entry slip at junction 2 now open. M5: Widening work between junctions 4 (A38 Bromsgrove) and 5 (A38 Droitwich); lanes closed both ways; no northbound access at junction 5; expect delays; 50 mph speed limit.

Wales and West: M4: Lane closures on both carriageways between junctions 21 and 22 (Chepstow), Gwent. M4: Lane restrictions and contraflow between junctions 22 and 24 (Chepstow to Newport). A36: Drainage work at Limpley Stoke on Bath to Beckington road, Avon. M5: Resurfacing at junction 10, Cheltenham; outside lane open only.

The North: M18: Between junctions 6 (Selby) and 7 (M62), S Yorkshire/Humberside; northbound carriageway closed. M62: Lane closures at junction 13 (Leigh/Swinton/Worsley), Greater Manchester; diversion. M62: *Contraflow between junctions* 32 (A639 Castleford) and 33 (A1), West Yorkshire.

Scotland: Perth: Northbound carriageway closed on Dunkfield Rd opposite junction with Florence Place; diversion. A85: Eastbound carriageway closed on Crieff Rd. A74: two sets of roadworks: Outside lanes closed on both carriageways S of Beattock Summit, opposite lane closed am, inside lane closed pm, N of Beattock Summit.

Information supplied by the AA.

Top films

The top box-office films in London:
1 (1) Prizzi's Honour
2 (2) The Emerald Forest
3 (3) Letter to Breshnev
4 (–) Plenty
5 (4) My Beautiful Laundrette
6 (6) Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome
7 (5) The Supergrass
8 (7) Weird Science
9 (9) The Black Cauldron
10 (–) Lost in America

The top films in the provinces:
1 Letter to Breshnev
2 Cocoon
3 Prizzi's Honour
4 The Supergrass
5 The Purple Rose of Cairo.

Supplied by *Screen International*

Top video rentals

1 (2) The Last Starfighter
2 (1) The Killing Fields
3 (3) Missing in Action
4 (5) Starman
5 (4) City Heat
6 (7) The Woman in Red
7 (9) Titan Find
8 (6) The Cotton Club
9 (8) Morons from Outer Space
10 (10 Caravan of Courage: An Ewok Adventure

Supplied by *Video Business*

Anniversaries

Births: *Christian Doppler*, physicist, Salzburg, 1803; **Louisa May Alcott**, writer of *Little Women*, Germantown, Pennsylvania, 1832, **Gertrude Jekyll**, landscape architect, London, 1843; **Sir Ambrose Fleming**, inventor, Lancaster, 1849.

Deaths: **Thomas Wolsey**, Lord Chancellor of England 1515-29, Leicester, 1530; **Prince Rupert**, Royalist commander, 1682; **Giacomo Puccini**, Brussels, 1924; **Graham Hill**, racing driver, killed in air crash near Elstree, 1975.

Weather forecast

A weak ridge of high pressure will persist over much of the country but with a frontal trough of low pressure in the extreme S.

6am to midnight

London, Midlands, Wales, central N England: Mostly dry, bright or sunny periods, some freezing fog patches at first; wind E, light; max temp 4C (39F).

SE, central S England: Becoming mostly cloudy with outbreaks of rain or sleet, some freezing fog patches at first; wind E, *light or moderate*; max temp 6C (43F).

East Anglia, E England: Freezing fog patches clearing slowly, bright or sunny periods developing, isolated wintry showers; wind E, light; max temp 4C (39F).

Channel Islands, SW England: Mostly cloudy, *outbreaks* of rain; wind S or SE; light or moderate; max temp 9C (48F).

NW, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW, NE, *NW* Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, Northern Ireland: Some freezing fog patches clearing slowly, sunny periods, isolated wintry showers; wind light and variable; max temp 3C (37F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Wet and windy weather spreading to all parts and becoming mild.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind W backing E light or moderate increasing fresh, rain later; visibility good becoming moderate; sea slight becoming moderate. **Strait of Dover, *English* Channel (E):** Wind SE moderate or fresh increasing strong veering S, rain at times; visibility moderate or poor; sea slight becoming rough. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind E moderate increasing strong, locally gale, rain at *times* in S, *fair* in N; visibility good becoming poor in S; sea slight becoming very rough.

Sun rises: 7.41 am	**Sun sets:** 3.57 pm
Moon sets: 9.59 am	**Moon rises:** 4.49 pm

Last quarter: December 5.

Lighting-up time

London 4.27 pm to 7.12 am
Bristol 4.36 pm to 7.22 am
Edinburgh 4.16 pm to 7.48 am
Manchester 4.25 pm to 7.30 am
Penzance 4.54 pm to 7.26 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

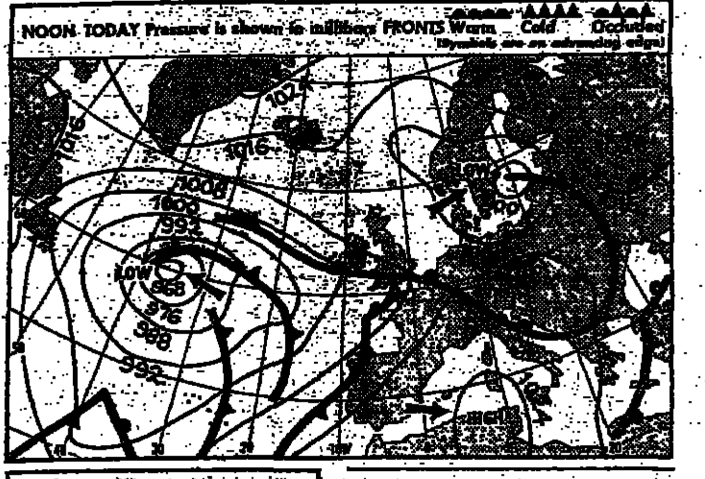
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	sn	0	32	Guernsey	c	6	43
Birmingham	s	1	34	Inverness	sn	0	32
Blackpool	fg	-1	30	Jersey	c	6	43
Bristol	s	5	41	London	c	3	37
Cardiff	s	4	39	Manchester	c	1	34
Edinburgh	s	2	36	Newcastle	s	1	34
Glasgow	f	0	32	Ronaldsway	f	5	41

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F). Humidity: 6 pm, 68 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, a trace. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 4.9hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1012.7 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Penzance 9C (48F); lowest day max: Aviemore −2C (28F); highest rainfall: Machrihanish 0.59in; highest sunshine: Ventnor 7.8hr.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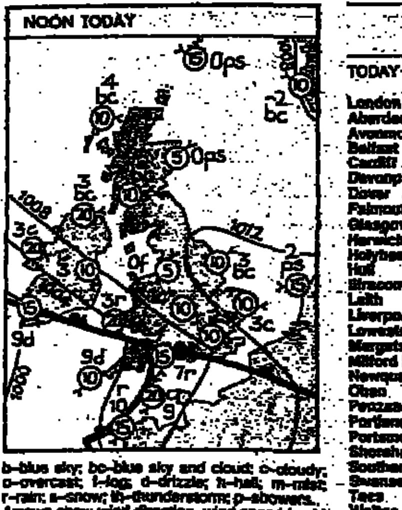

b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperature centigrade.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.38	6.6	2.47	6.7
Aberdeen	1.59	3.9	2.15	4.1
Avonmouth	8.01	12.5	8.20	12.2
Belfast	11.58	3.3	–	–
Cardiff	7.48	11.5	8.05	11.3
Devonport	6.33	5.4	6.50	5.2
Dover	11.51	6.3	–	–
Falmouth	6.03	5.2	6.20	5.0
Glasgow	1.38	4.7	1.40	5.0
Harwich	12.25	3.8	12.42	3.8
Holyhead	11.05	5.3	11.25	5.1
Hull	7.04	6.9	7.16	6.9
Ilfracombe	6.38	8.7	6.57	8.5
Leith	3.14	5.2	3.37	5.2
Liverpool	–	–	noon	8.8
Lowestoft	10.14	2.3	10.27	2.4
Margate	12.36	4.6	12.52	4.5
Milford Haven	6.59	6.6	7.19	6.4
Newquay	5.49	5.6	6.09	6.5
Oban	6.17	3.9	6.44	3.8
Penzance	5.30	5.5	5.48	5.3
Portland	7.34	2.1	7.59	1.9
Portsmouth	12.06	4.4	12.15	4.4
Shoreham	11.52	5.8	–	–
Southampton	11.36	4.4	–	–
Swansea	7.04	9.0	7.26	8.8
Tees	4.21	5.0	4.37	5.2
Walton-on-Naze	12.15	4.0	12.32	3.9

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	5.6	.12	4	39	Sunny
Bridlington	5.4	.11	3	37	Sunny
Cromer	5.2	.09	5	41	Sunny
Lowestoft	3.3	.02	3	37	Snow am
Clacton	3.5	.02	2	36	Sunny pm
Margate	2.0	–	2	36	Dull
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	4.3	–	3	37	Sunny am
Hastings					
Eastbourne	7.4	–	5	41	Sunny
Brighton	7.7	–	4	39	Sunny
Worthing	7.5	–	5	41	Sunny
Littlehmptn	8.9	–	6	43	Sunny
Bognor R	7.6	–	5	41	Sunny
Southsea	7.6	–	6	43	Sunny
Sandown	7.5	–	6	43	Sunny
Shanklin	7.1	–	6	43	Sunny
Bournemth	7.1	–	6	43	Sunny
Poole	8.0	–	6	43	Sunny
Swanage	7.5	–	7	45	Sunny
Weymouth	7.1	–	8	46	Sunny
Exmouth	6.6	–	7	45	Sunny
Teignmouth	8.5	.16	8	46	Sunny
Torquay	6.3	.10	8	46	Sunny
Falmouth	1.3	.09	7	45	Cloudy
Penzance	1.5	.01	9	48	Bright
Jersey	1.9	.30	8	46	Cloudy
Guernsey	0.7	.13	8	46	Cloudy
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	0.7	.02	8	46	Showers pm
Newquay	1.6	.01	8	46	Cloudy

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Ilfracombe	–	–	7	45	Sunny
Tenby	6.3	–	6	43	Sunny
Colwyn Bay	4.8	.15	5	41	Sunny
Southport	–	.18	4	39	Fog am
Morecambe	4.4	–	1	34	Fog pm
Douglas	4.4	.38	6	43	Sunny
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Ctrl)	4.9	–	6	43	Snow am
B'ham (Airpt)	3.6	.03	3	37	Sunny
Bristol (Ctrl)	7.3	–	6	43	Sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	7.1	–	5	41	Sunny
Anglesey	1.4	.27	4	39	Hail
B'pool (Airpt)	–	–	1	34	Hail pm
Manchester	–	–	1	34	Dull
Nottingham	4.3	–	3	37	Sunny
N'cstl-n-Tyne	6.3	.11	2	36	Sunny
Carlisle	3.7	–	3	37	Snow pm
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	2.6	.02	0	32	Snow pm
Prestwick	1.0	.23	2	36	Snow
Glasgow	0.7	.01	1	34	Snow pm
Tiree	3.7	.17	5	41	Sleet am
Stornoway	1.9	.06	4	39	Snow
Lerwick	1.1	.11	1	34	Snow
Wick	1.7	.12	1	34	Snow
Kinloss	–	.01	1	34	Showers
Aberdeen	1.0	.09	1	34	Bright
St Andrews					
Edinburgh	2.1	.02	2	36	Bright
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	2.0	.12	3	37	Hail pm

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	15	59	Cologne	c	3	37
Akrotiri	s	21	70	Copenhagn	s	2	35
Alexandria*	r	24	75	Corfu	f	16	61
Algiers*	c	18	64	Dublin	s	2	36
Amsterdam	s	3	37	Dubrovnik	f	12	54
Athens	s	20	68	Faro	s	14	57
Bahrain	s	25	77	Florence	s	10	50
Barbados				Frankfurt	f	1	34
Barcelona	s	9	48	Funchal	s	20	68
Beirut				Geneva	sn	-1	30
Belgrade	f	5	41	Gibraltar	s	17	63
Berlin	sn	0	32	Helsinki	sn	-2	28
Bermuda*	s	25	77	Hong Kong	s	25	77
Biarritz	f	12	54	Innsbruck	f	-4	25
Bologna	s	4	39	Istanbul	r	10	50
Bordeaux	f	9	48	Jeddah	s	31	88
Brussels	c	3	37	Jo'burg*	f	23	73
Budapest	f	1	34	Karachi*	s	27	81
Buen Aires*	s	25	77	Las Palmas	c	22	72
Cairo*	s	25	77	Lisbon	s	9	48
Cape Tn	s	31	88	Locarno	s	5	41
C'blanca				L Angeles*	s	15	59
Chicago*	c	4	39	Luxembrg	c	-1	30
Ch'church*	c	15	59	Madrid	s	5	41

		C	F			C	F
Majorca	s	13	55	Rome	s	14	57
Malaga	s	17	63	Salzburg	f	0	32
Malta	f	19	66	Sao Paulo*	c	22	72
Melbourne	f	20	68	S Frisco*	s	11	52
Mexico C*	s	18	64	Santiago*	f	27	81
Miami*	c	26	79	Seoul	s	3	37
Milan	fg	2	36	Singapore	f	26	79
Montreal*	f	-1	30	Stockholm	sn	-4	25
Moscow	s	-7	19	Strasbourg	c	3	37
Munich	sn	1	34	Sydney	f	21	70
Nairobi				Tangier			
Naples	f	10	50	Tel Aviv	s	25	77
New Delhi	s	21	70	Tenerife	c	22	72
New York*	c	8	46	Tokyo	c	17	63
Nice	s	11	52	Toronto*	f	1	34
Oslo	c	-5	23	Tunis	c	17	63
Paris	f	5	41	Valencia	s	12	54
Peking	s	-3	27	Vancouver*	s	-12	10
Perth	s	27	81	Venice	s	5	41
Prague	sn	-2	28	Vienna	sn	-5	23
Reykjavik	sn	-2	28	Warsaw	s	-3	27
Rhodes	f	20	68	Washington*	f	14	57
Riyadh	s	28	82	Wellington*	s	16	61
Rio de Jan	f	23	73	Zurich	sn	0	32

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